

WHAT IS WRONG WITH VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION BY CHRISTIANS?

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Introduction

Brethren, it has become necessary that we bring to the notice of God's Children "CHRISTIANS", Satan's device to lie to them to honour and celebrate the heathen festival known as St. Valentine's day, originated from the Roman goddess Iueralia. Beloved, Have you ever ask where St. Valentine day celebration came from? Today, we will expose some of the astonishing facts about the origin and history of Valentine's Day celebration.

Definition

Brethren, for the proper understanding of this discussion, it is necessary that we define two (2) key words on our heading.

1. Christian
2. Valentine

Who Is A Christian?

A Christian is a person who is properly baptized into Christ, to serve God through Christ, Sanctified, and Separated from the world, and set apart for God's use, Called to be Saint.

Apostle Peter declares in **1 Peter. 2:9 -10**

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. NKJV

WHO WAS VALENTINE?

The name Valentine is associated with three martyrs of the early Roman Church. The Roman history of martyrs list of three Saint Valentine's as having been martyred on February 14.

- a) One of the Valentine, was a Roman Priest. The Roman Emperor Claudius the II, imposed a ban on marriages because too many young men were dodging the draft

by getting married. (Only single men had to enter the army) A Christian priest named Valentine was caught performing secret marriages and was sentenced to death; while awaiting execution, young lovers visited him with notes about how much better love is than war – He was executed in 269 C E on February 14th.

- b) Another Valentine was a priest jailed for helping Christians during his stay in prison, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and sent her notes signed from your Valentine. He was eventually beheaded and buried on the via Flaminia. Reportedly Pope Julius the 1st built a basilica over his grave.
- c) A Third and final Valentine was the bishop of Terni and he was also martyred, with his relics (remains) being taken back to Terni.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

Here are some of the astonishing facts about the origin and history of St. Valentine's Day celebration. The Romans celebrates a pagan holiday on February 14th to honour Juno Fructifer, Queen of the Roman gods and goddesses as well as goddess of marriage.

IS IT A SIN TO GIVE SOME ONE YOU LOVE A GIFT?

Beloved, there is nothing wrong to give a gift to someone you love. The question is, do you love to the detriment of your soul in the name of Valentine's Day celebration? Which origin is from Lupercalia?

On February 15th, Romans celebrates Lupercalia, honoring Faunus, god of Fertility. Men would go to a grotto dedicated to Lupercal, the wolf god, located At the foot of palatine Hill and where Romans believed that the founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus, were suckled by a she – wolf. The men would Sacrifice a goat, don its skin, and run around, hitting women with small whips, an act which was supposed to ensure fertility.

HOW THE PAGAN FESTIVALS OF "LUPERCALIA AND PAN" WERE ADOPTED BY THE ROMAN CHURCH AS ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

In 496 A.D, Emperor Galerius declared February 14th a day in honour of St. Valentine, instead of the pagan god Lupercalia. This allowed Christianity to take over some of the celebrations of love and fertility which had previously been celebrated by the pagans in the then Roman empire.

In 313 A D Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, legalized Christianity and end to Rome's persecution of Christians. In 380 AD Christianity was made the official state religion of the Roman Empire. These actions not only enabled the spread of the Catholic Church within the empire, it encouraged non-Christians converted to the once – persecuted religion. The pagans, who adopted Christianity as their religion did not entirely abandon the traditions and practices they held before their conversion. One of these traditions brought into the Church was the fertility Celebration known as the " LUPERCALIA", which is popularly known as Valentine's Day celebration.

To the Romans, February was also sacred to Juno Februata, the goddess of febris (fever) of love, and of women and marriage. On February 14. Billets (small pieces of paper, each of which had the name of a teen-aged girl written on it) were put into a container. Teen-aged boys would then choose one billet at random. The boy and the girl whose name was drawn would become a "couple" Joining in erotic games at feasts and parties Celebrated throughout Rome. After the festival, they would remain sexual Partners for the rest of the year. This custom was observed in the Roman Empire for centuries.

WHAT IS REALLY WRONG WITH ST. VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION?

1. Valentine's day celebration is born out of paganism
2. Valentine's Day celebration is a feast in honour of the Roman idols (Lupercalia, Juno, Faunus) e.t.c.
3. Valentine's day celebration encourages Sexual immorality, Fornication/Adultery
4. Valentine's day celebration encourages drunkenness

2 Cor. 6:14 – 18 Apostle Paul declared:

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." 'I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.' NKJV

1 John 2:15-17 – Brother John warned

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. KJV

Conclusion

Brethren, the Observance of St. Valentine's day by anyone who is a Christian has denied the faith.

In 2 John 9, John Declared

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

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Beloved, if you intend to do good deeds to your brethren, or friends, let it not be in the name of Valentine's Day celebration.

In **Gal. 6:10**, Apostle Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit declared. *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.* NKJV