WHEN TRADITION CLASHES WITH THEOLOGY

1 Corinthians 9:19-20 (NASB)

¹⁹ For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law;

1 Corinthians 9:21-22 (NASB)

to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.

1 Corinthians 9:23 (NASB)

²³ I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

Romans 1:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

John 8:31-32 (NASB)

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Matthew 1:22-23 (NASB)

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

1 John 3:17-18 (NASB)

But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

James 2:15-17 (NASB)

15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

James 2:18 (NASB)

But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NASB)

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

James 2:22-26 (NASB)

You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Matthew 6:3-4 (NASB)

³ "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

ONE DAY ALL WILL BOW, INCLUDING SAINT NICOLAS TO THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES: JESUS CHRIST. SOMETIMES IT TAKES THE EXAMPLES OF OTHERS TO SEE THE REAL PICTURE!

GOD GAVE SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE, THAT IS THE REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON, WE NEED TO DO THE SAME, ALWAYS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BECAUSE GOD IS WITH US!