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There are other forms of expression that didn't have a Christian beginning that we engage in without any problems. Music- many of our old hymns were once English pub songs that the lyrics were changed and are song with praise and adoration in church all across the world. The late great and awesome Evangelist Tom Skinner pointed out that early song writers in the 15 and 16 century realized that to attract people into church they had to steal what Satan had and use it for God's glory. You would be surprised to learn how many hymns were actually on the juke boxes in the pubs back in those days.

Perhaps it's the Detroit in me..but I believe we can take and steal from Satan even before he takes from us. My older brother and Pastor has always been a leader in this as far as I remember. I was in Detroit last year and attended Rosedale Park Baptist Church where he is Senior Pastor, his message was on giving God glory through dancing, the majority of the service had the church dancing up front- now I'm not talking about your normal dancing...but line dancing, stepping, ballroom dancing (No juking tho!!) like David did when he danced before the Lord..he didn't care who was looking (cause it was between him and God!) When I see dancing or go dancing...my thoughts are on that sermon and that day....he and Rosedale changed what I thought and how I think about dancing. (I'm still learning how to step)

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But even more so is my Pastor- Christopher Salley, New Life Christian Fellowship. Pastor Salley has a gifted ability to take what Satan has used and use it for God's glory. He does it through with music, sermons and even movie clips, rap songs, etc His sermon- "Where the Real PIMPS At" (I'll post it after this) is a prime example. Already you may be saying ....What??? View the video -it will change your thinking. Every time I now see the word PIMP I think of Provider, Intersesor, Minster, Protector. (He has ruined many a good soul song also ...as one member recently stated) So what's my point in all this ? First : When I get to heaven God is NOT going to ask me did I celebrate Christmas and use this as the requirement if I am going to get in to heaven..no he will recognize me as his child and what did I do with Jesus his son? So real Christians who have a relationship with him are not bothered by the chaos that goes on with the other side of the day that we set aside to honor his birth. (By the way...he's not trippin because Jesus wasn't actually born here on the 25th!!) It's about relationship...not about Pharicital details (did I just make that Up?) So we can make Christmas Easter, (which we call- Resurrection Sunday) and even Halloween (which was actually changed by the Catholics but went back to the way the Celts wanted it because the Catholics gave in) the way we want it.....Take it from Satan...if Christmas isn't about the Celebration of his birth.....THEN MAKE IT!!!

Anybody feelin me Now ? and if not..geuss what ?..it's still ok

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Kristal Giles at 3:32pm December 21



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Kristal Giles at 4:10pm December 21



2Ki 17:13 -2Ki 17:16 (KJV)

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Kristal Giles at 4:16pm December 21

As men do today with truth so did the children of Israel after the Prophet gave them GOD'S WORD :

Jer 44:15 -Jer 44:18 (KJV)  
Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,  
As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee. But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine



Kristal Giles at 4:23pm December 21

ALL SIN OF MAN GOES BACK TO THE (((((TREE)))))) IN THE GARDEN. How ironic that men would be cool with cutting one down and decorating it in their houses. Do we study so little in the "church" and spend more time listen to dumb, unscriptural "christian" music that we have forgotten what life is all about?

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...to raise God or no matter what religion, can you study you will find that their false God is the sun god: just spin off versions, but it all points back to the sun. (The tree worship is a spin off of sun worship).

If you want to know the truth stop by. I'll share it. -<http://www.simplykristal.org>

AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE!



Kristal Giles at 4:33pm December 21

by the way, I searched the Word of God and in 616 instances of the word "take" there was not found among them even one that makes any reference to "Taking

back what the devil stole from you". I knew it wasn't there, but did the search any way in case I may have somehow missed it. All I can say is, when men start taking the word of songs (not scripturally based) over the Word of God..It all goes down hill from there folks.

Let God be true and EVERY MAN a liar...



Tim Cross at 1:26am December 22

I would say simply that if that's where you are then that's where you are. This is proably not the format for saying what I want to say. However let me say this.. and I beleive you know this ..woman of God

No one is going to go to hell because of sinning...!!! You dont go to hell because of what you do!!! You go to hell becaue of who you are!! You will go hell...because you are a sinner!!!! period... That's Bible!...if you want to accept it or not. We are saved because of God's grace....not by works!...(or because we aint got a tree with presents under it!!) you surprize me. The word worship means : to give something more worth ....than something else. I dont know about you..I dont know of any real christians that are worshipping trees!! You have got to be kidding! Krstal..you and I can take any group of verses and make it fit anything that we want...so your verses that you quote is entirely out of context. The point that any good Bible schloray knows is that you have to l



Tim Cross at 1:36am December 22

teaches as a whole!! Not just one or two verses that you quote..but if that's where you are..then that's where you are.

There is NOBODY that will stand before God and he says: Oh...you are not my child because you had a Christams Tree..I cant let you in...that's not the Bible I read and study. You have tottally misrepresented the Old Testament verses..totally!! But like I said this isnt the forum..or the format for it. By the way...the Sheperds celebrate the birht of Christ...it's recorded in scripture....but hey..if that's your mission to let people know they aint going to heaven because they Celebrate what you deem as pagan holiday.....go ahead..!l continue to work with addicts, homeless people, weekly...those that care less whose got a tree or not..those who want to know that a God loved them so much ...he gave his only son to die for them...caus ehe wasnt mad at them....but he was (and is) mad about them!! becaue like Paul says..show them the sam comfort...that you received..

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