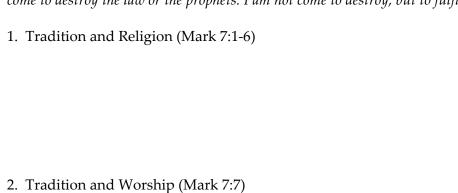
## CHRIST'S COMING AND TRADITION from MARK 7:1-13 Pastor George Stiekes

There is one major reason why Christ came to this earth. Filled with love, mercy, grace, He was made in our likeness, lived among us a sinless life and then further humbled Himself by yielding His life to the death of Calvary's Cross on our behalf (Phil 2:7-8). For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). While there was one major reason for His coming, there were also many applications. In Matt 5:17, Jesus gives us one of these applications. Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.



3. Tradition and the Word of God (Mark 7:8-13).

## JESUS CHRIST: OUR LORD AND SAVIOR ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

- 1. Has white hair like wool (Rev 1:14)
- 2. Has a beard (Isaiah 50:6)
- 3. Comes in red apparel Isaiah (63:1-2)
- 4. Hour of His coming is a mystery (Luke 12:40; Mark 13:33)
- 5. Comes from the North where He lives (Ezekiel 1:4; Psalm 48:2)
- 6. Is a carpenter (Mark 6:3)
- 7. Comes as a thief in the night (Matthew 24:43-44)
- 8. Omnipotent -- all powerful (Rev 19:6)
- 9. Omniscient -- knows all (Hebrews 4:13; 1 John 3:20)
- 10. Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-10; Ephesians 4:6; John 3:13)
- 11. Ageless, eternal (Rev 1:8; 21:6)
- 12. Lives in men (1 Cor 3:16; 2 Cor 6:16-17)
- 13. Giver of Gifts (Ephesians 4:8)
- 14. Absolute Truth (John 14:6)
- 15. Sits on a throne (Rev 5:1; Heb 1:8)
- 16. We are told to boldly go to the throne of Grace for our needs (Heb 4:16)
- 17. Commands children to obey parents
- 18. Wants little children to come to Him (Mark 10:14)
- 19. Judges (Rom 14:10; Rev 20:2)
- 20. Everlasting Father (Isa 9:6; Heb 12:2)
- 21. Christ Child (Matt 1:23; Luke 2:11-12)
- 22. Worthy of Prayers and Worship (Rev 5:14 Heb. 1:6)
- 23. Lord of Hosts (Mal 3:5; Isa 8:13; Psalms 24:10)
- 24. God says, "Ho, ho ... (Zechariah 2:6)
- 25. Prince of Peace, the Image of God (Isa 9:6; Heb. 1:3)

## SANTA CLAUS: THE COUNTERFEIT ACCORDING TO MYTH OF MEN

- 1. Has white hair like wool
- 2. Has a beard
- 3. Comes in red apparel
- 4. Hour of his coming is a mystery
- 5. Comes from the North where he lives: North Pole
- 6. Is a toy carpenter
- 7. Comes as a thief in the night. Even gains entrance to homes as a thief.
- 8. Omnipotent -- can deliver all the toys of the world in one night
- 9. Omniscient -- knows if you have been good or bad, for the entire year
- 10. Omnipresent -- sees when you wake or sleep. Has to be everywhere at once to be able to deliver all the toys in one short night.
- 11. Lives forever
- 12. Lives in the hearts of children
- 13. Giver of Gifts
- 14. Absolute Fable (1 Tim 1:4; 4:7; 2 Tim 4:4)
- 15. Sits on a throne
- 16. Children are bidden to approach his throne to ask for anything they want
- 17. Tells children to obey parents
- 18. Bids children to come unto him
- 19. Judges whether you were good or bad
- 20. Father Christmas
- 21. Kris Kringle (means christ child)
- 22. Prayers and worship to "St. Nick" by children
- 23. Lord over a host of elves (In Druidic religion, elves are demons or tree spirits
- 24. Santa says, "Ho, ho, ho ..."
- 25. Symbol of World Peace, the image of the Christmas Season