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Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother you need the Word!

Today is Christmas Day here at the Arch of Salvation. Normally we don’t tell what day it is, what year it is, what even time of day it is because people listen all over the world in the internet, all times of the day throughout all seasons of the year. But today is a special day. It is the most hallowed day in the Christian religion. It is Christmas Day and yet on this day, so many of the churches across the world are closed and they are not closed because the preacher doesn’t have a message. They are not closed because a choir doesn’t have a song to sing. They are closed because people don’t come to church on Christmas, because they have other things of a higher priority to do than come to the house of God on the very day and that is the most hallowed and celebrated day in Christian religion.

And normally I don’t preach a sermon on Christmas day. We come here at the Arch of Salvation at 8 o’clock every Christmas morning and we just celebrate God. We fellowship and sing and just give thanks but on this particular Christmas day, God simply spoken and he said, “I want you to prepare a message and this is the message”. He said, “I want you to compare Jesus and Santa Claus”. And when I started to compare Jesus and Santa Claus, I began to see what God was talking about and I began to discover some things of how Satan has crept into the body of Christ and deceived us so much and got a so off track. That the often the least attended day in church is the most hallowed day.

And just to compare Jesus and Santa Claus, they even look similar. If you notice both of them have white hair like wool. In Revelation 1:14-15, it says, “His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire (15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace.” His head and his hairs where white like wool, so even the pictorial deputation between Christ and Santa Claus, both of them have white hair like wool. They both have a beard, in Isaiah 50:6, say, “I gave my back to the smitters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.”

And even the visible between the hair and the beard between Santa Claus and Jesus. They both come in red clothing, in Isaiah 63:1 and 2, it says, “(1) Why are your garments red like those of one treading the winepress. I have trotted the winepress alone from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trot them down in my raft. Their blood splattered my garments and I stained all of my clothing.” Both come often dressed in red. Their hour of coming is a mystery.

Luke 12:40 says, “Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.” No one knows when Santa Claus comes in the middle of the night. The hour of their coming is a mystery. The name of Jesus is all powerful and
yet the name Santa is simply a rearrangement of the name Satan. All you do is to take Satan and take the N and put it in front of the cross.

So if you take the N on Satan and putted in front of the T which is the representation of the cross, you get Santa. And even though Satan’s name is nowhere near is powerful as the name of Jesus. It has power, let no one fool you about that Satan has some power because he has most of the folk and he even has most of the folk and most of the stuff even on Jesus’ birthday. They both were carpenters. Jesus was a carpenter and Santa is a toy carpenter. They both come as thieves in the night.

The Bible says, “That the LORD shall come as a thief in the night yet Santa comes in your home by fable and legend, not through the front door but like a thief down through the chimney. Jesus is omnipotent, all powerful yet Santa can deliver all of the toys around the world in one night. Jesus in omniscient, he knows all yet Santa knows all of the children whether they had been good or bad, all year long. He knows that everything that you do. Jesus is omnipresent. He sees you all of the time, yet Santa sees you when you wake or sleep. He sees everywhere to be able to deliver all of those toys all in one single night. Jesus and God, they’re ageless and eternal, yet Santa Claus lives forever. Jesus lives in men, no ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you but yet Santa lives in the hearts of the children.

Jesus is the giver of gifts, Ephesians 4:8, “Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.” And Santa is the giver of gifts. Jesus is the absolute truth, for He saith, “I'm the way, the truth, and the life. No men cometh into the Father but by me” and yet Santa is absolute fable.

1 Timothy 4:7 says, “Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourselves to be godly”. In Revelations 5:1 it says, “Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside sealed with seven seals.” Jesus sits on a throne but yet, if you ever go to see Santa Claus at the mall where does he sit? Santa sits on a throne. We are told to go boldly to the throne of grace for our needs and your children are told to approach Santa’s throne to ask for anything they want. Jesus commands children to obey their parents. Santa tells children to obey their parents so they can get the gifts.

Jesus wants the little children to come to him, suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven. Santa bids children to come unto him. Romans 14 says, “For we shall all stand before the judgement sit of Christ.” He sits in judgement and yet Santa judges whether you have been good or bad. Jesus is the ever lasting Father and Santa is the father of Christmas. Jesus is the Christ child but the other name for Santa is called Kris Kringle which is one of the names of Santa which means Christ child.
Jesus is worthy of our prayers and worship and yet so many pray and worship Saint Nick as children. Jesus is the LORD of Host. Santa is the LORD over a host of elves which in other religions, elves symbolize demons or tree spirits. God says, “Ho, ho” in Zachariah 2:6, “Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.”

Santa says, “Ho, ho, ho”. Jesus is the Prince of peace, the very image of God where as Santa is the symbol of world peace, the image of the Christian in Christmas season. Santa has a pot belly which epitomizes excess consumption. Jesus is slender. Santa fosters the “I want spirit”. Jesus fosters the “I gave spirit”. Santa’s joy and faith is with the toys, Jesus’ joy is eternal. Santa rides in a slay. Jesus walks on the water. Santa comes but once a year, Jesus is ever present. Santa fills your stockings with goodies. Jesus supplies all your needs. Santa comes down your chimney uninvited. Jesus stands at the door and knocks and then enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in land to see Santa. Jesus is as close as the mention of His name. Santa lets you sit in his lap, Jesus lets you rest in His arms. Santa doesn’t know your name and Jesus knew you before you were born. Santa says, “You’re better not cry” and Jesus says, “You cast out all you cares on me, for I care for you”. While Santa puts gifts unto your tree, Jesus became our gift and died on a tree. In the modern world, we have substituted Santa for Jesus. The churches are empty in the Christmas season. The malls are so packed you cannot find a parking space.

So why it is that Saint Nick or Santa Claus has now become almost the God of this world? If the church had a tenth of the money that was spent at Christmas, it will transform the churches. If they just had a tenth of the money, people go in debt, they have the credit cards up to the limit. They all—they’re broke after Christmas but they will not do that for Christ but yet they are do that for Santa. And God just, just wanted me to compare Jesus and Santa Claus. That’s why of the Ten Commandments, the first was says, “Thou shall have no other gods before me.” And Satan has taken his very name, just taking one letter and moved that around. And you can see just the evidence and see the devil has always wanted the children because he knows if he gets the children, he has you when you get to an adult.

So he can take a myth and a fable, something that every one of wisdom knows is not true but yet it becomes a reality. And we become more excited, we do more worshiping, we do more prayers, and we do more focus on the gifts of Christmas rather than the gift of Christ. And God just wants us just to take a minute and to just reflect on how we have changed and substituted Santa Claus for Jesus.
Can you imagine what it would be like in our houses if the children would be waiting on Jesus in church like you do on Christmas? Can you imagine what it would be like if they were just in a hurry to get to church? And see the reason often times is the children are not in a big hurry because the parents aren’t. See they get everything they get from mama and daddy. So the parents are so focused on it, it spreads over unto the children, Santa Claus or Jesus, the world or the Kingdom of Heaven. That’s why Jesus says, “Wide is the path that leadeth unto destruction and many there are shall enter but narrow is the way that leadeth unto life and flew there be that find it.”

I’m just thankful for the few of you who are here today because there are few people in church around the world on this day—and see the thing about it the malls tomorrow on the day after Christmas, you won’t be able to find a parking spot. And it doesn’t matter what the weather is like. It doesn’t matter if it is zero degrees outside. It doesn’t matter if it is raining. It doesn’t matter if it is snowing.

Do you know the malls are going to be absolutely packed tomorrow, the day after Christmas? They are packed the day before; they are pack the day after. But on Christmas day, churches across the world are empty. We have substituted our worship, Santa Claus for Jesus the Christ and God want us to come back to Him even though it maybe a narrow path. God wants us to come back to Him and to bring the children back to Him. Santa wants your children, Satan wants your children and all of the Spirit that we have during Christmas goes to our whole lives and we have the spirit of give me, give me, give me...

What can I give? What can I fill up with? What has Santa Claus brought me for Christmas? And the greatest gift God gave was the sacrifice of His son. People, it’s a time of joy. But do you know this is the time that you sell more liquor than any other time? More liquor is sold in the Christmas season than any other time. Do you know this is the time that has the highest suicide rate of anytime, of the year, this Christmas time? It is the time that should be the happiest, the most joyous. It’s the time that we should be the freest but we come out of Christmas burdened down. First of all, because most of the folk come at you, you’re heavy in debt. You spend all your money and it’s not in church. Devil got it and left you in bad shape—broke, busted and disgusted and you can look at the fruits. And people this is not the way of God.

It never has, never will be, you look at the fruits and the stuff. So we live out Christmas in much worse shape than we were going into it because we don’t understand that we have switched gods. And we do not understand we have substituted that of the world and that of folklore. We have twisted the names of and we put something in front of the cross other than God and other than His Son. We have put Santa Claus ahead of Jesus and God just wanted just to compare and contrast the two today.
So that the few of us will understand and have our eyes opened and know the true way. And actually a Christmas, you know, it would be greater next year. I'm going to trying to focus my family on that. That we actually, instead of trying to get so many gifts to ourselves, just take that and help some other people. That's the real Spirit of Christ. See when you look at the real Spirit of Christ, it never was about how much you could get. The real Spirit of Christ is not about helping me in what I can get. The real Spirit of Christ is about what I can give and what I can do for others. That's the true Spirit of Christ and often times even when we go out to get all this gifts it's a reciprocity. Meaning that I got to get them a gift and they will think well of me. Well I've got to get them a gift so they will give me a gift totally the wrong Spirit? So we need to move to next Christmas and I hope some of you who hear this message will do this within your households.

And you will take your children and take your spouse and simply say, “Instead of spending everything on me, let’s live this Christmas in the Spirit of Christ and not in the spirit of Santa Claus who is a false – anti type of Christ. Let's do this the way that God would smile on us. The way the Bible talks about and the way that we know Jesus would want us to live, Jesus or Santa Claus? The world has chosen, so it's up to the church to choose and to make our choice. We see the comparison and the world has tried to substitute that which was vile for that which is pure. Don’t let it happen in your heart and your Spirit. Understand the difference between Santa Claus and Jesus.

We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother you need the Word!

Amen, amen, amen, amen!

So I want to just ask my children just come up on stage here with me for just a minute. Come on the three of you. You all heard what daddy said? Come on up stairs, come on up on the stage. I want to ask you for next year, for next Christmas. What do you think about taking everything that you are going to get—all of the money, all of the gifts and taking that and buying it for somebody else who needs it? What do you think about that?

Son: I think I should do it!

Pastor Nathaniel: You think you should do it? What do you think about that? And he said, “He thinks that’s the right thing to do because that’s what God would want us to do. And Christian – your name is Christian, what do you think about that?

Christian: I'll do it.
Pastor Nathaniel: You’ll do it? Amen, amen! So they have made a commitment for next Christmas to not to receive any gifts themselves but to take that and to give that and help someone else who really needs it. I mean, I mean I’m talk about, I’m not talking about giving some gifts to somebody who got plenty of stuff, who don’t even have any room to put it. I’m talking about taken it and giving it to someone who really needs it and give them something that’s going to uplift them. Give them something that’s going to make a difference in their lives and I had request for, you know, people wanted me to donate to help buy some stuff, and they were toys. And I said, “This stuff is going to be torn up in two weeks. I want to place some resources into some people and some children’s lives that it will make a difference. Something that it will be there within ten years down the road, something that will make a difference in their life and it will uplift their life.

So not only do you have to first of all, make a commitment that you are going to do something next Christmas to help someone. You have to make a commitment and put some brain into even what you do. It doesn’t do you any good to really give them a video game. Because most of the video games are going to have stuff and still are going take them down to a wide destructive road.

You have to think of something to give them that is going to make a positive difference in their lives. Can you think of anything to give somebody that is going to make a positive difference in their lives?

Son: A book

Pastor Nathaniel: A book, alright a book. What kind of book? That’s not that easy, see it’s easy to think of the stuff that people want is going to be destructive, but it’s not that easy. You have to put some energy and some effort to even think of something that’s going to be beneficial in the lives of youth? So not only, I challenge you to redirect your resources next Christmas but I challenge you to redirect your resources into something that’s going to be eternally positive in their lives.

Give them something that’s going to make a difference and next year and the year after that, and the year after, and the year after that.

We thank you. This is Jose who was named after the brother of Jesus. This is Nathaniel, which means gift of God, and this is Christian.

So I want you to be a brother to Jesus. I want you to be a gift of God and I want you to be a Christian. God bless you!

Amen, amen, amen, amen!
And I like for just James to come and have a few comments because he’s got so many children and it’s a job trying to get children away from the flow of the mass. It really is because it’s just a challenge.

**Pastor James:** Amen! Well, I thank Pastor for bringing that message today and I think there was a reason that God wanted him to preach today for us to hear that and it really struck me hard because I had a dream last night and in the dream a scripture—it kept repeating itself. So when I woke up, I wasn’t familiar with the scripture, so I had to look it up even before I got out of bed and so let me see what the scripture says. And when I read it, I was familiar with it. But it relates to what he talked about and as he ended, he talk about how even Santa had become a type of Anti-Christ and the scripture that was recurring in my dream was 1 John 4:3 and when I look it up, it says, “And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God and this is that spirit of Anti-Christ, where all of you have heard that it should come and even now already is in the world.” And as He he said, “They exed him out of all of this door-fronts and they are trying to take Christ out of everything. They have taken him out of schools and next the prayer out.

And a lot of government they are exing them out and one of the main things is even a lot of the homes are just not making time for Jesus anymore. You know the prior generation; you would have a lot of praying mothers and praying grandmothers. Now, thing get so busy and so much going on in the internet and working so hard, so many hours you don’t find as many praying mothers and praying grandmother anymore. Songs, Christian songs are being sung throughout their homes. So take this message with you all year long to keep Jesus at the forefront of everyday and bring Him back into the homes year around.

Amen!