

# WHY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION?

## INTRODUCTION

Birthday is a topic that scarcely has much literature written about it, but of which majority are engaged in keeping, remembering and giving a special, if not unique, attention in their lives. Why shouldn't it be so? Everybody has a specific day in which he/she was born into this world. It is not a two-day event but a single day incident; for some it is a memorable occasion for others the opposite might be the case (**Job 3:1-17**), but whichever is the case, the day cannot be wished away because it happened for you to be in existence in this world presently. And even if you do not want to remember that day due to one ugly incident or the other yet you compulsorily have to fill the date in one official form or legal paper in the course of your worldly interaction for data collection purposes.

Birthday is remembered once every year, so it happens to be an annual ritual in the world. And as such it has been turned into one big occasion for celebration by many of which they do not toy with, but have made into a very big do. It has resulted in all manner of evils being associated with it in most cases, as it is the case with many of the activities in this evil, adulterous and wicked world. A great manifestation of the lustful works of the flesh (**Gal 5:19-21**) have trailed very many birthday celebrations in the world. **Rom 13:12-14**

We would not have given much attention to writing on this topic but for the fact that the Church as an organization or business (CAO) and their ministers of the people (MOPs) have allied with the world, as it is their nature anyway, strongly on the issue of birthday celebrations to give it a seemingly "spiritual flavor/coating" thereby hyping it greatly amongst believers in the Body of Christ (BOC), the Church as an entrenched practice; for we know very much that the CAOs are the human and organizational progenitors of the evils that bedevil the present day Church of Christ or Christendom as a whole. And it is our Christian duty to unmask these false doctrines, worldly practices and traditions/customs of men, the leaven of the Pharisees and scribes, that our Lord and Master Jesus Christ warned us of in his teachings; and of which many are still ignorant about its cancerous work in their local Christian assemblies being complacent and spiritually insensitive to the events of this last times having established comfort zones cum fleshly customs in this wicked world that they cling unto tenaciously. **Mtt 16:1-4,5-12; Lk 12:1-3; Mtt 13:31-33; 2 Tim 4:2-5**

As usual, we shall stick to exploring biblical truths in our literature and above all hear the Master specifically on any sayings remotely or distinctively related to this topic in any way in order to bring out the spiritual insights and understanding needed for our Christian faith to stand on the wisdom and power of God and not on the wisdom of men as perpetuated by the CAO.

## THE ORIGIN OF BIRTHDAY

In the very beginning when God created all things good (**Gen 1:31; Gen 2:1-3**) and rested within a seven (7)-day span period during the heaven and earth foundation of the first chapter of the Book of Genesis in the Bible, there was nothing like birthday attributable to Man as a creation of God. Why? Adam's beginning was of a creation, formation and making spiritual process of separate phases rather than a one-off birth giving thing. How? Adam was first created as a spirit in the image and likeness of His Creator, God, who is a Spirit in **Gen 1:26-27** before his body was formed from the dust of the ground and the breath of life was introduced in him for him to become a living soul. **Gen 2:5-7**

Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ also told us how Man was at the beginning, which could not have birthday attributable to him because Adam was created and formed not given birth to as a natural being but as a spiritual being. So Adam had a creation day not a birth day.

**Mk 10: 6** But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

**Gen 5: 1** This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; **Vr.2** Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

God's original creations are celestial, immortal and incorruptible even as the angels of heaven and can be said to have creation days (**Ezek 28:15; Lk 20:35-36**), while the offspring of Adam that come forth from the Woman called Eve, have birthdays. Birthday was prophesied by God from the time of the fall wherein God condemned the Woman in judgment to giving birth in sorrow to children being found in sin cum troubles in the world outside of the Garden of Eden. I **Tim 2:14-15**

**Gen 3:16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. **Vr. 20** And Adam called his wife' name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Outside of the garden in the sinful world, Adam having been made flesh and blood began to produce children through Eve in his own image and likeness, a fallen sinful figure as it were. By

transgression Adam was now made a little lower than angels for the suffering of death in the world. **Gen 3:17-19; Gen 5:3; Ps 8:3-5; Hebr 2:5-9**

**Gen 4:1** And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **Vr.2** And she again bare his brother Abel.

So birthday means the day that a woman gives birth to a child as flesh and blood, according to the will of man on earth. All those that are born of woman have birthdays not those that are born again of the will of God. And the very first man to have birthday attributed to him was Cain who was of the wicked one and who murdered his brother, Abel. **I Jn 3:12; Gen 4:8**

## **BIRTHDAY BASH IS A CELEBRATION OF SLAVERY TO SIN**

**Rom 5: 12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**Rom 3: 23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Birthday jubilation is a celebration of the day you were born of the flesh unto slavery to sin, the giving birth of the body of sin (**Rom 7:14**). It is not a celebration of the glory of God being made manifest but of the shame of the triumph of sin over mankind through the natural birth process, a remainder of the product or resultant fruit of the transgression and fall of the first man Adam through the woman. It is the children of the world that are yet bound to sin, as sinners, that throw parties, making grand banquets, exchanging felicitations and clamouring for attention and gifts from those that are likeminded as they are in this evil and adulterous world. It is a display of the workings of the old man of sin amongst those that are born once and have fallen short of the glory of God. Be warned that those that are born once shall die twice, while those that are born twice shall die once. Which category do you belong to? by deeds and not by mouth. **Tit 1:16**

Flesh, the world and Satan (the enemy of all righteousness, full of subtlety) sponsors and superintends over birthday celebrations in the world. How? because Satan is the prince of this present evil world, the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is at work in the children of disobedience who walk after the course of this world (**Jn 14:30; Eph 2:2-3**) . Birthday being the day that a man is born, into the captivity of Sin and Death in the kingdom of darkness, is under Sin's taskmaster in this world, Satan. So why should a child of God be fellowshiping and feasting with the children of the devil unawares by its celebration? **2 Cor 6:14-18; 1 Cor 10:14-22**

**Ps 51:1-15 (Vr. 5)** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Job 14:1-14 (Vr. 1)** Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. **Vr.2** He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. **Vr. 4** Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

Man that is born of woman is mortal and corruptible, having at best long life here on earth, for such are they that have birthdays and mark birthdays. Immortal beings having eternal life do not have birthdays nor do they celebrate such. Those that are born of the flesh celebrate birthdays but those that are born of the spirit do not because spirits do not celebrate birthdays for they have creation days instead.

**Eph 2:1-8 (Vr.1)** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **Vr.2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **Vr.3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

**I Tim 5:6** But she that liveth in pleasure is dead, while she liveth.

## **TWO DISTINCT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ACCOUNTS IN THE BIBLE**

The Church of Christ, the Apostolic church never celebrated birthdays as an example for us to follow, whether that of Christ, our Master or their individual birthdays even as the Lord never commanded such rather they had love feasts in order to minister to the less privilege and to others in their midst as each man had need (**Jude 1:12; Acts 4:32-37; Acts 6:1-6**). But it was the heathens like Herod, Pharaoh of Egypt, king Belshazzar of Babylon (**Dan 5:1-30**) and the likes that did, being children of this world, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, those given to riotous living and partying. **2 Tim 3:1-9; Lk 15:11-14**

Looking at the birthday banqueting of Pharaoh and Herod, as with other heathen idolatrous celebrations, we see the resultant evils occasioned in such feasting - murder/death. Can this be traceable to the very first man to have a birthday, Cain, in the killing of his brother Abel? Was it during his birthday merriment that he also secretly murdered his brother? **Gen 4:8**

**Gen 40:1-23 (Vr.16)** When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head: **Vr.18** And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days: **Vr.19** Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee. **Vr.20** And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh' birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the

head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. **Vr.21** And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh' hand: **Vr.22** But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

**Mk 6:14-29 (Vr.21** And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; **Vr.22** And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. **Vr.23** And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. **Vr.24** And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. **Vr.25** And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. **Vr.26** And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. **Vr.27** And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, **Vr.28** And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.

God gave Israel the kind of feasts that they should observe and keep yearly before him in the Law at the temple (**Exo 23:12-17**) and it had nothing to do with man/flesh glorying in His presence as today's birthday celebrations in the CAO church buildings/temples portend. But the Pharisees of old used the occasion of the Law ordained feast to do evil, even the call for Christ's crucifixion in exchange for the freedom of Barabbas, a robber and murderer. **Mk 15:1-15**

Beware of the evil attendant in worldly feastings labeled with vain religious trappings by the CAO MOPs (our modern day Pharisees), because the prince of the power of the air is at work at such times- Christmas, Easter, St. Valentine days to name but a few. These are periods used by the CAO and the world for frolicking, immoral behaviours, merchandizing of goods and souls, hyped wasteful/lustful spending, riotous living, murders, deaths and the likes being insensitive to the devilish influence of unclean spirits at work intensely at such occasions. If you are true to yourself you would acknowledge the truth of these happenings around these celebration periods in your locality. **Rev 18:10-17**

**Acts 12:1-6 (Vr.1** Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. **Vr.2** And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. **Vr.3** And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread). **Vr.4** And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter (*a Saxon goddess feast not that of Christ's resurrection, of which the CAO continue to celebrate till date unfortunately*) to bring him forth to the people.

It is at worldly feasts and celebrations that murders cum killings are carried out by the enemy of our soul in the open with all rejoicing and partaking of such whether directly or by association. Be mindful of what you celebrate and partake in celebrating with others that ye be not a partaker of other men's sin. The Pharisees sought out Jesus severally in the various feasts that was observed by the Jews regularly at Jerusalem in order to take him and kill him, of which they eventually succeeded at the appointed time and would have Pontius Pilate sentence Christ rather than a robber to death as a favour granted them in that particular feast celebration. **Mk 15:6-14; Jn 7:1-14,19-30**

### **WHY DID CHRIST NOT CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY?**

Birthday celebration is for those that are born of woman through the will of the flesh, the will of man. The fruitful result of the coming together of a man and a woman in sexual intercourse (two flesh becoming as one flesh –**Gen 2:24**) is the birth of a child.

Christ's birth was of a woman that was a virgin who had not known a man and therefore his birth was not of the will of man but rather of the will of God the Father as it were an immaculate conception.

**Lk 1:26-35 (Vr.31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **Vr.34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **Vr.35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **Vr.38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**Mtt 1:18-25 (Vr.18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. **Vr.20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. **Vr.21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **Vr.25** And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Christ was born of woman but not of the will of man rather of the will of God (**Jn 1:12-13**). It was not by the sexual union of a man and a woman but by the power of God and the Holy Ghost overshadowing the virgin called Mary.

Christ's body was spoken in this vein

**Hebr 10:5** Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: **Vr.7** Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Christ was not born with a body of sin but that of righteousness yet he did not appoint unto us his saints to celebrate the day of his birth nor did he make known unto men the exact date of his birth so that men would not engage in the carnal celebration of flesh called birthday bash. But the CAO stubbornly and rebelliously postulated a lie of a date 25<sup>th</sup> December every year in order to celebrate that which was not commanded them even as the heathens/unbelievers and their pagan kings had celebrations for their birthdays.

They CAO MOPs always omit the weightier matters of the doctrine of Christ (**Mtt 23:23; Hebr 6:1-2**) in order to engage in that which is not the doctrine of Christ but the doctrines of devils instead. **I Tim 4:1-2**

In his doctrine Christ did not teach us or command us to partake in birthday celebrations. Why? Because of the manner of the new birth that we were to experience through his baptizing us with the Holy Ghost and with power, our being born of water and of the Spirit; for it is by such divine encounter that we become sons of God.

**Mtt 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

**Jn 1:11-13 (Vr.12)** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Vr.13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Jn 3:3-8 (Vr.3)** Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **Vr.4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old (*the old man*)? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born (*of the will of flesh, the will of man again*)? **Vr.5** Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

**Jn 6:51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh (*which the CAO celebrate as Christmas*), which I will give for the life of the world.

You should celebrate the life that Christ gives that came about by his flesh being put to death on the cross. Those that are born of the will of God do not celebrate birthdays any longer; for they are no longer of the world but born of the kingdom of God.

**Jn 8:23** And he said unto them, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. **Vr.24** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

**Jn 17:14-18 (Vr.14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Vr.15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **Vr.16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Vr.17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

If you want to celebrate the flesh of Christ that was given birth to then do so in Holy communion service with the brethren as you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink of his blood that ye might have the life he gave through it and not by a carnal feigned birthday celebration of Christmas day festivities with pagans.

**Jn 6:53** Then Jesus said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

## WHAT DID CHRIST HAVE TO SAY?

Are there things from the teachings and sayings of Christ and his apostles that we can relate to birthdays? Directly or indirectly. The Master told us that the world hated him because he testified that their deeds were evil, so shall they hate all those that in telling the truth expose the lies and falsehoods by which the enemy holds men bound. **Jn 7:6-8; Jn 3:19-21; Jn 15:18-21**

**Lk 16:13-16 (Vr.13** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **Vr.14** And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. **Vr.15** And he said unto them, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men (even as birthday celebrations are) is abomination in the sight of God.

**Jn 3:1-8 (Vr.3** Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **Vr.4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? *(He must have wondered what would happen to his yearly birthday bash if he is born a*



second time. Can he be able to do without it?- **Lk 11:37; Lk 14:1) Vr.5** Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh (*celebrates birthday*); and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (*remembers repentance/new birth day*). **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

**Jn 6: 63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing (*birthday is a celebration of flesh- Rom 8:8-9*):

**Mtt 11:11** Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women (*that celebrate birthdays*) there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven (*born of the Spirit*) is greater than he.

**Jn 1: 12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Vr.13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man (*that celebrates birthday continually*), but of God.

**Lk 15:1-10 (Vr.5** And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. **Vr.6** And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours (*for celebration*), saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. **Vr.7** I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth (*repentance day*), more than over ninety and nine just persons (*that are given to celebrating birthdays*), which need no repentance. **Vr.9** And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. **Vr.10** Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. **Vr. 13** And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living (*also birthday partying probably*). **Vr.23** And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry (*Why?*): **Vr.24** For this my son was dead (*as a sinner*) and is alive again; he was lost (*as a sinner*) and is found. And they began to be merry (*repentance day celebration*). **Vr.29** And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends (*for my birthday celebration probably*). **Vr.30** But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots (*and parties*), thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

**Jn 16:28** I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world (*on my day of birth*): again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. **Vr. 6** But because I have said these things unto you (*about my death day*), sorrow hath filled your heart. **Vr.7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

**Lk 11:27** And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee (*and that celebrates your day of birth always- Jn 16:21; Isa 49:15*), and the paps which thou hast sucked. **Vr.28** But he said, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

**Mtt 26:20-25 (Vr.24** The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born (*but who joins in celebrating his birthday like others*).

Our Master Jesus Christ, our perfect example who we follow in order to attain perfection in righteous living in this world, was born of woman (**Jn 1:14; Gal 4:4**) yet did not celebrate his birthday nor did he command us his disciples to do so on his behalf afterwards. Instead it is the same CAO MOPs in their own human wisdom that introduced such observance as Christmas, being no different from the children of the world in their own idolatrous feasting, but clothed in feigned religious camouflage. Majority of their vain religious celebrations and feastings (Christmas, Easter, Valentine, etc) are traceable to idolatrous pagan origins/roots being derivatives of such, but many of their adherents do not care to research the origins of such celebrations so far as it gratifies their lustful fleshly cravings and mind, which is quite unfortunate. They teach and bring up people in a lie while deceiving themselves that they are championing the truth and the gospel. **Jam 1:21-22; 2 Pet 2:12-19**

How do you teach your children December 25 as the day that Christ was born and should be celebrated as his birthday when it is a lie? It is because many are sold out on birthday celebrations as it were so they do not care and the CAO MOPs know this quite well and affirm the lie for them (**2 Thess 2:9-12**). If our Master Jesus Christ wanted us to celebrate his day of birth by now, with all the scientific, historical, theological, archaeological discoveries and spiritual revelations, we would have pinpointed the exact date of his birth and not walk in speculations about it till date. No matter what seemingly good intentions you think you have in support of the Christmas day lie, you cannot as a true minister of God (MOG) be preaching the truth in a lie that is devilish, but the CAO does that all the time in their doctrines derived from human wisdom. **Jn 18:37; Jn 8:44-47; Colo 2:16-23**

**I Jn 2:21,26-27 (Vr.21** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. **Vr.26** These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

**2 Tim 3:1-17 (Vr.1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **Vr. 4** Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **Vr.5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. **Vr. 13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Christ taught us to remember and commemorate his death and resurrection, which marked the beginning of the New Testament in his blood, through the consistent celebration of the Holy Communion services regularly with brethren of the same faith (**Lk 22:14-20; I Cor 11:23-26**). Christ taught us that it is through death that we receive life everlasting. He did not focus us on his birth but rather on his death, for that was how Sin was defeated and Satan was judged and fell. **Jn 12:31-33; Jn 16:7-11; Lk 10:17-22**

Those that are afraid of death, afraid for their body of sin to die, cling unto celebrating the birthday of the old man's "sweet life" in this world, but those that have died to the flesh and the world in Christ by faith and shall die physically in him, look forward to the resurrection from the dead, in the hope of putting off this vile body (**Phil 3:19-21; 2 Pet 1:12-15**). Such witness and celebrate daily the resurrection unto life, their new birth, and not birth into sin and death as the CAO keep men in; for we have not learned so from Christ nor heard so from him. **Eph 4:20-21**

**Jn 12:23-28 (Vr.23** And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. **Vr.24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **Vr.25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **Vr.26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

The birth of Christ caused men to behold the glory of God even the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, but his death granted men access to enter into the glory of God by faith in this world and into the glory of His Son in the world to come. Christ was made flesh by his birthday, but he was made a quickening spirit at his resurrection after his death day by which our being born of the Spirit was made possible. **Mtt 3:11; Jn 1:14; I Cor 15:45; Jn 17:24; Rom 5:1-2; Eph 2:13-18; Hebr 4:14-16**

Christ came as a prepared body of God specifically to die as a once and for all sacrifice for the sins of all mankind; as it were he came to die because of our sins in order that we might live eternal- to take away the yearly celebration of the old man's birth in order to institute the new man's birth.

**Hebr 10:1-25 (Vr.5** Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: **Vr.9** Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. **Vr.10** By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Vr.1** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto

perfect. **Vr.2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. **Vr.3** But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

**Qn:** Are you also calling into remembrance before God yearly your birth in sin and condemnation to death by your year by year birthday celebrations (annual sin birth sacrifice/feast) even as He has given birth to you anew? Is that wisdom or foolishness? Why do you, as a son of God, continue to celebrate that which heaven does not celebrate instead of what heaven celebrates? **Lk 15:7,10**

### **WHY DO NEW CREATURES YET CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS?**

Why then is it that the “Christian” celebrates that which the enemies of his soul rejoice over and celebrate too? The only plausible reason would be lack of knowledge and understanding in those that are true, but deceived. **Hos 4:6**

**Isa 5:11-16 (Vr. 13** Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge:

Those that claim to be “born again” and yet are given to loud celebration of birthdays in like manner as the children of the world, are ignorant and blind to its significance and demonstrate their lack of separation from the world. They are still very much entangled in the affairs of the world and love the things of the world contrary to the commandment of the Father and His Son our Master Jesus Christ. **Gal 5:1; Jam 4:4; 2 Tim 2:3-5; 2 Pet 2:18-22; I Jn 2:15-19**

It is unfortunate that those that continually affirm that they are new creatures in Christ by faith and that old things are passed away and all things have become new (**2 Cor 5:17**) still cleave unto their past vomit of celebrating with all fervor their being born into sin. O brethren, who have bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth by which you were begotten again by the Spirit unto a lively hope of the children of a heavenly kingdom. Why do you yet cling unto the flesh wherein lieth sin and death by your worldly custom of birthday celebrations? **Gal 3:1-5**

**2 Cor 5:16-18 (Vr. 17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away (*but not birthday celebration, is it?*); behold, all things are become new.

Those that celebrate birthday with the world are loved by the world and cannot really be true representation of them that are called the sons of God and the disciples of Christ (**Jn 15:17-25; Lk 6:22-26**) . Why? Because such are no longer of the world having been called out of the world by the new birth experience, though they are still in the world. Christ says in

**Jn 17:14-18 (Vr.14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Vr.15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **Vr.16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Vr.17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The Bible says in

**2 Cor 6:14-18 (Vr.14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **Vr.15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **Vr.16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Vr.17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **Vr.18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Ignorance, lies, deception and subtlety are the veritable tools the CAO uses to keep men yet bound though promising them freedom. The CAO MOPs celebrate birthdays having incorporated it into their CAO religious programs, Sunday services, because they are blind guides leading the blind. They fleece the sheep at such times of their own birthday by getting them to buy cars, houses, expensive gifts, etc for them; all in a show of feigned love that they do not reciprocate to the needy ones in their midst, except on some selected, privileged few and the wealthy ones amongst them on their own birthday; for as a recompense they have received their reward already in this world as it is. **Mtt 23:13-28; Jam 2:1-9; Hosea 4:5-6; Jer 5:30-31**

It is those that are born of woman, born of blood, the will of flesh and by the will of man that make a big do about their day of birth into sin and death, not those that are truly born of the will of God. It is those that are yet carnally minded that hype birthday celebrations and call upon those likeminded in the world to join them in celebrating such. There is no difference between children of the world and “children of God” where celebration of birthdays is involved and in other such like carnal celebrations too, this ought not to be so.

Friendships, marriages, relationships, amongst believers have been marred, separated and destroyed all because one failed to remember to call, honour or buy gifts for or take out someone or the other on their birthday. A lot of “Christians” are still harbouring hurts, unforgiveness, grudge, etc against one another because of birthday fallouts/miss outs. This is not of God and is of a feigned love. Do not because of meat and drink destroy that which is godly and true; for the kingdom of God is not of meat and drink but of righteousness, peace

and joy in the Holy Ghost. Seek to uphold that which is spiritual and of life and not that which is carnal and of death. **I Jn 2:15-17; Rom 14:15-20; Rom 6:22-23; Jn 6:63; Rom 8:4-9; Lk 15:25-31; Jam 4:1-5**

**Gal 5:13-26 (Vr.13** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.**Vr.15** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. **Vr.16** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **Vr.24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **Vr.25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **Vr.26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

### **A NEW MAN CELEBRATES A NEW BIRTH**

He that is made a new man celebrates his new birth experience or new birth day, while an old man continues celebrating his old birth day every year. Which one are you self? A new man or an old man? Why do you that call yourself "a new man" struggle with the old man in his worldly birthday celebrations? Or are you an old man in disguise while deceiving yourself to be a new man?

**Eph 4:17-25 (Vr.20** But ye have not so learned Christ; **Vr.21** If so be that ye have heard him (*many do not hear Christ today but rather they gladly hear and accept the lies of the CAO MOPs in their teachings- 2 Tim 4:2-5*), and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: **Vr.22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **Vr.23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **Vr.24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**Colo 3:5-17 (Vr.9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **Vr.10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**Rom 6:1-8 (Vr.1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **Vr. 4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**Vr.6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed (*which majority continue to celebrate its birth yearly because it is still very much alive in them and they live for/by it*), that henceforth we should not serve sin.

It is those that are yet of the world that continue to celebrate birthday having come to know the truth. Though we are in the world, but we are not of the world but of the kingdom of Christ, the BOC on earth. It is sheer ignorance and blindness for a new man to continue celebrating the

day of birth of his body of sin rather than his new body of righteousness. **I Pet 2:9-12; Jn 16:33; Jn 17:6,11,14-16,18; Rom 6:17-23**

## CONCLUSION

Those that are born of the Spirit being spiritually minded do not rejoice over the day that they were born into sin as the children of the world do; rather they are sober on that day giving thanks to God for revealing the truth to them that set them free from such riotous celebration of such days as when they were unbelievers. They rejoice over dying in the flesh in Christ Jesus in order to be alive to the Spirit in him instead, their new birth.

If you **must** mark your birthday (for I know that some for the life of them just cannot do without it which is quite unfortunate anyway) then do it in such a manner as to reach out to the needy around you and the poor lost souls that are held bound in its celebration and tell them the truth concerning the deliverance and liberation you now have in Christ Jesus. Celebrate when you have passed from death unto life not when you were born to die. **Gal 4:3-6,9-11; Colo 2:8,16-18; Jn 5:23-24; Lk 14:12-14; Jam 1:26-27**

**Gal 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

The day that a man is born is the day that unwillingly (not of his choice) he was born into sin and a sinful world, but the day you get born again you are born into the kingdom of God by choosing the path of truth and life. It was not by accident or chance, but a willing and conscious search for God that resulted in your having come to hear the word of truth by His mercy and grace, unto believing and obeying the truth to your sanctification by the Spirit unto the hope of receiving eternal salvation; rejoice about that holy experience and not the former. **I Pet 1:12-25; Eph 1:3-14; Colo 1:12-14**

**Eccl 7: 1** A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. **Vr.2** It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting (*Why?*): for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. **Vr.8** Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof:

To be made sinful, natural, subject to death by your birth is not what we should rejoice about, for such rejoicing is of the evil, but rather it is to be saved from sin and death, made spiritual, heavenly at our day of death and resurrection in Christ that we should rejoice in hope about instead.

It is quite unfortunate, that many that say they are of the truth would hear and see the truth steering them in the face instead of making a U-turn to believe, follow and obey the truth would rather choose to rationalize it in their minds and reject it in their hardened hearts in order to continue in the lie. Such tell volumes of what kind of spirit is really at work in such lives, definitely not the Spirit of truth as it were. Everyone that hears the truth and believes not the truth to do it remains in bondage and cannot be said to be free in that area. **Jn 8:30-32; Jn 18:37; Jn 12:46-48; Rom 1:28-32**

**Hosea 4: 6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

**I Pet 4:1-5 (Vr. 2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **Vr.3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: **Vr.4** Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

**Jer 5: 30** A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; **Vr.31** The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

**Prov 14: 12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. **Vr.13** Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

Now that you have come into some enlightenment concerning birthday and its celebration, what do you choose to do with this truth? Do you shrug your shoulder and continue in it because it gratifies your fleshly lust or do you use this literature to communicate to others the liberating truth and walk in it. Ignorance shall not be an excuse on that day. **Acts 3:17-20; Acts 17:30-31; Eph 4:17-25; I Pet 1:13-16; Mtt 13:15**

Those who believe not the revealed truth concerning the carnality behind birthday celebrations have pleasure in unrighteousness and are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God being lovers of themselves. God gives them over to strong delusions and to the belief of a lie seeing they willfully reject the truth. I pray that shall not be your portion. **2 Thess 2:11-12**

May the good Lord and Master Jesus Christ grant thee understanding through his Spirit of truth in all that is written herewith and more.

**Gal 6:7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. **Vr.8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption;



**Jn 8: 32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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