

# Jesus Christ & Santa Claus

## The Contrasts

SANTA CLAUS	JESUS CHRIST
1 <sup>st</sup> & most important, Santa is fantasy. That which is not true comes from the father of lies!	Jesus is REAL: 'God, that cannot lie', Titus 1:2.
Jolly Old St. Nicholas	'A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief': Isa 53:3
Welcomed by the World	'We hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.' Isa 53:3
Fat, red faced, symbol of self-indulgence; most older pictures show him smoking a pipe, and a red nose has always been linked to alcohol indulgence. Message: "Indulgence = Happiness"	Fasting alone in the desert, tell of the days that He passed, How for OUR sins He was tempted, yet was triumphant at last. Victory over appetite was the <b>Reason for that Season!!</b> Message: "Indulgence=Death"
Attractive, bright, sparkling, admired.	'His visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men': Isa 52:14
Smiling, laughing, hilarity, mirth, gaiety etc.	'My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.' Mark 14:34. John 11:35 'Jesus wept.'
Has many 'little people' (elves) to do all his work. (Typical of the rich)	'I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me': Isa 63:3 He was servant to all.
Uses MAGIC to do his work	'He did not use His divine power to make His life easier for Himself'. {SJ 34.5}
Only comes to 'good little boys and girls'.	'a friend of publicans and sinners!' Luke 7:34
Untruthful in that everyone knows that 'bad' children still get gifts.	'that will by no means clear the guilty' Ex. 34:7 Judges Righteously.
Says "Ho, Ho, Ho!"	Says "Woe, Woe, Woe!" (see Matt. 23)
Children write letters and even pray to 'Santa' – this is a false god, an idol.	Says, "Suffer little children to come unto me!" Mark 10:14
Teaches that material gifts are the most important concern. Children feel rejected if friends get more for Christmas than they do. Abundant gifts means you are 'good'.	Teaches, 'a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth'. Luke 12:15

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Parents lie to children about Santa. God hates lies. (Pr. 12:22)	'Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.' Ps. 34:11
Santa sneaks into homes through the chimney! Satan always intrudes any way he can.	"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." Jesus only comes by invitation.
Associated with feasting, partying, rich foods, flesh meats, celebration.	Pr 23:20 'Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:' 'And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting' Luke 21:34.
Only involved with us for 1 night.	"Lo, I am with you alway, unto the end of the world" Matt 28:20

It is time to wake up! Many things that are 'cute', and 'sentimental' and are considered 'innocent' come straight from hell's kitchens and we should have nothing to do with it! 2 Co 6:15 "And what concord hath Christ with Belial?"

Jesus suffered a fast of nearly 6 week, alone in the gloomy, uncomfortable wilderness! WHY?? To win the victory over man's greatest foe—man's own appetite!! At almost the cost of His life, He won that victory—and makes it available to every son or daughter of Adam, who will choose to have it, to overcome as Christ overcame. There is no other road that leads to Eternal Life! =^..^=

The myth of Santa is that he's coming to town to give us material goods. Christ is coming to Earth to give us eternal life and eternal goods

Santa says, "Be good for goodness sake" Christ says, Be good because He loves us and we are to reflect His character by loving Him and others.

Santa promotes getting. Christ promotes giving (When has it ever been said that Santa promotes people to give to each other?)

The myth of Santa says that he knows when we are awake, sleeping, naughty or nice. With Christ, it is no myth! Psalms 139 says He knows everything about us. We will be judged by our un-repentant misdeeds and words.

The myth of Santa's dominion is the North Pole (You can't get more North. Satan has always wanted to rule the sides of the North.

I believe that long ago, Satan produced an elaborate scheme to distract people from the true meaning of Christmas and substitute a popular character to take the focus off of Christ.

By the way, If you move just one letter (N) in the word SANTA to the end it becomes SATAN. He just had to get most of his name in there somehow. And, Satan will do anything to sink his claws (Claus) in you...

Chris

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive full rights as sons... So, you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. Galatians 4:4,5, 7