

Why Celebrate Christmas
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A minister from UCG wrote an article titled “The Top 10 Reasons Why I Don’t Celebrate Christmas”. Here is what he has to say.

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I admit Christmas today has gotten out of hand. People become over stressed trying to do everything our society demands, we place such a high emphasis on buying presents that we spend money we don’t have, commercialism of the holiday gets worse each year, and many people don’t think about the reason to celebrate.

So why celebrate Christmas?

Objection 1 – Christmas is Commercialized and Materialistic

The question to ask is “How did it become Commercialized and Materialistic?”

We made it that way. The idea of gift giving from Santa came after Bishop St.

Nicholas, who lived in the 1st century, wanted to bless orphan children. Since then, the mankind has taken the idea and turned it into a moneymaking business.

It is easy to see the idea of not celebrating Christmas because of this. Nearly everyone is celebrating Christmas, so why not take advantage of this Holiday to turn it into a time to tell the story of Christ?

Objection 2 – Scripture Forbids It

Some people use Colossians 2:16-17 to say we should not participate in Christmas because it is not a God given celebration.

Here is something to think about. The birth of Christ is extremely important. We must be careful not to tell the story without the rest of the story. We need to include why He was born also.

Since people are celebrating Christmas, why not take advantage of the season and tell our story. People need to hear about Christ and we have the Good News Message in us.

Objection 3 – Christmas Traditions are from Paganism

This is true that most of what we see today comes from pagan background. The question is whether or not that we allow the Christmas practices to be what consumes us.

Remember that throughout the years mankind has taken everything God has made and at some time or other used it for evil and selfish purposes. It is easy to get caught up in the celebration of the worldview of Christmas. It is intentional to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ come to save the world.

Will you be intentional this year?

Objection 4 – Uncertainty of the Date of Christ’s Birth

The Bible doesn’t not tell us what season of the year Christ was born. We can only speculate as to the date.

Is it possible Jesus was born in the winter? Yes just as it is possible He was born in another part of the year. It is not the date, but the fact that Jesus was born to save the world that matters.

Why celebrate Christmas? It is a special time of the year that more people are open to hear the story of Christ. Why not take advantage of it to share Jesus.

How are you going to celebrate Christmas this year? Many say let’s put Christ back in Christmas. I say let’s put Christ in Christmas beginning this year.

Jesus said in John 3:17 “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” Why not make Christmas a special time to tell others this message?