

WHY CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



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There is a thought going around today that Christians should not celebrate Christmas. It is believed that it is associated with a pagan holiday and there are many pagan customs associated with it. Some refuse to celebrate because it has become so commercialized. In the message today we want to meditate on the thought, "Why Christians Should Celebrate Christmas."

THE MEANING OF THE WORD CELEBRATION

The word celebration means to observe a notable occasion with festivities.

JESUS CELEBRATED NOTABLE OCCASIONS

- A Wedding (Jn. 2:1-10)
- Hanukkah (Jn. 10:22-23)
- Passover (Matt. 26:17-19)

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IS A NOTABLE OCCASION

There over at least 13 prophecies in the Old Testament that foretell the birth of Christ. That makes it a notable occasion.

PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE CELEBRATED THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Christmas is all about the birth of Christ and there are those in the Bible who celebrated His birth.

- The Angels (Lk. 2:8-14)
- The Wise Men (Matt. 2:1-2, 11)
- Simeon (Lk. 2:25-35)
- Anna (Lk. 2:36-38)

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Christmas in our culture is being lost for various reasons, especially commercialism. If God's people don't redeem its value by acknowledging the birth of Jesus Christ, its meaning will be lost in the pomp and circumstance surrounding it. Listed below are five reasons Why Christians Celebrate Christmas.

- Because it is the Fulfillment of God's Promise (Lk. 2:10-11).
- Because it the Recognition that God Came to be with Us. (Matt. 1:23).
- Because it Brought the Hope of Salvation from Our Sins (Matt. 1:21).
- Because it is a Recognition of God's Indescribable Gift (2 Cor. 9:15).
- Because it is the Birth of Our King (Matt. 2:2).