Some think that Christ's birthday should not be celebrated because the Bible doesn't command us to celebrate it.

But, neither does the Bible forbid us to celebrate His birthday. We celebrate the birthdays of presidents, so shouldn't we do this and more for the King of kings and Lord of lords?

No one knows for sure what day or even the exact year Jesus Christ was born, so why celebrate Christmas on December 25th?

December 25th was the date of the pagan holiday Saternalia, and this date was eventually adopted by Christians to celebrate Christ's birthday. It may not be the exact day of His birth, but isn't it <u>the event</u> and not the date, that really matters.

The word "Christmas" is a contraction of "The Mass of Christ" a Roman Catholic sacrament, and Protestants should not observe it.

Christians observe Christmas to celebrate Christ's incarnation (His birthday); they do not observe a Catholic Mass. We adopted the name but not the method used by Catholics to celebrate our Lord's birthday.

Some believe that Christians should disapprove of the Christmas tree, mistletoe, holly, colored lights, and Christmas wreaths because they have pagan origins.

It is true that Christmas customs have pagan origins, but so do the names of days and months of our calendar. And many of our holidays, like Easter, have pagan origins. Does this mean that we should change our calendar, do away with Easter, and forbid the celebration of our Lord's resurrection?

People don't observe the cultural traditions of Christmas in order to practice ancient pagan rituals. Most people don't even know they have pagan origins. They simply like to make this time of year special.

The fact that atheists, agnostics, the ACLU, and religions that reject Christ are against Christmas is a good reason to be for it. Christmas is a time of year that people focus on Jesus Christ and that is a good thing, not a bad thing. I don't think that God would object to His children celebrating the birthday of His Son, even if it isn't on the exact day He was born.