



## Sermon Guide: Let It Be Christmas (12/24/2022)

Join us **next Sunday (1/1/2023) at 7 PM** on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Read *Adventist Home*, Chapter 77, "Christmas"

Text: Luke 2:13-14 "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

### Christmas Wars

1. How long have Christians been arguing about the celebration of Christmas?

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2. In what ways was Luther right about Christmas? In what ways was Calvin right about Christmas?

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### What Does the Bible Say?

Reference verses: Luke 1-2; Matthew 1-2

3. How do the two Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus differ from one another?

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Reference verses: Luke 2:1; Daniel 11:20

4. Regarding the actual birth of Christ, Christians find...

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- 2) 

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- 3) 

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- 4) 

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- 5) 

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Conclusion...

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5. Regarding the traditions of Christmas, Christians also find...

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion...

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### **Being Dogmatic Leads to Pharisaism**

Reference verses: Jeremiah 10:2-5

6. What problems do Christians run into being dogmatic when dealing with traditions?

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### **Some Wise Counsel**

7. After reading some of Ellen White's counsel regarding Christmas, what are your conclusions for how you will celebrate it?

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