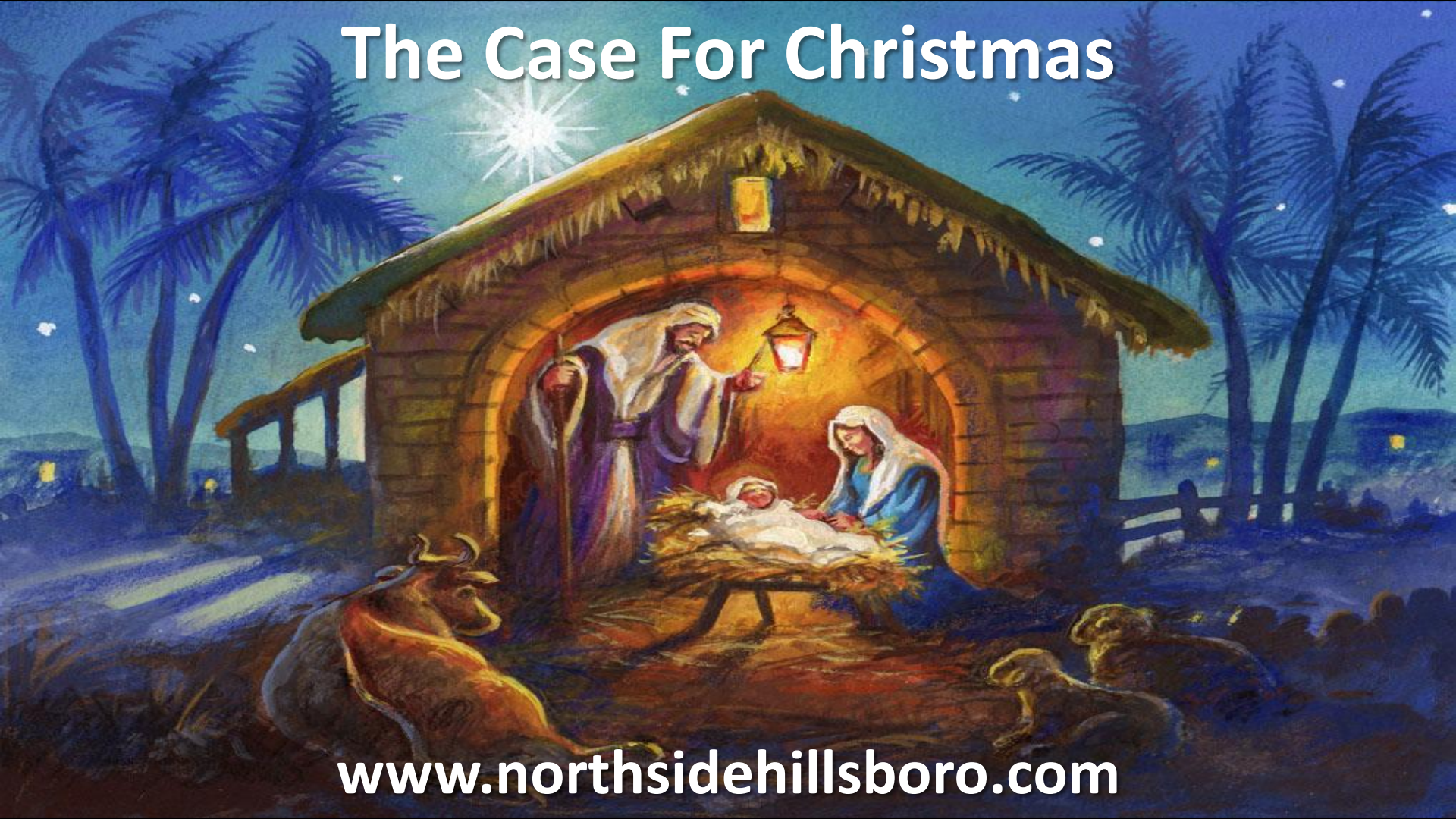


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Why don't you celebrate Christmas?

Errors of Christmas traditions:

- 3 wise men (card, shirt & tie). ***Matt. 2:1-2, 11***
- Wise men arrived to a house, not a manger.
Matt. 2:9-11
- The date: December 25.
Why not Nov. 1? January 15? ***Luke 2:7-11***
- Celebration of birth. ***Matt. 28:20; 15:8-9;***
Col. 3:17; 2 John 9



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Why some say we should celebrate Christmas:

“It’s the birthday of Jesus!”

– **Christmas Day. The 25th of December, on which the church celebrates Christ’s birth. Whether or not the birth of our Lord really occurred on this day, ancient authorities are not agreed. Clement of Alexandria mentions the opinion of some who placed it on the 20th of April, and others, who**



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– thought it took place on the 20th of May, while St. Epiphanius and Cassian state that in Egypt, Christ was believed to have been born on the 6th of January.

(The Catholic Dictionary and Encyclopidia)



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- **Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. Irenaeus and Tertullian omit it from their lists of feasts;... Concerning the date of Christ’s birth the Gospels give no help... (*Catholic Encyclopedia*)**
- **His birth is one thing, to celebrate it is quite another.**



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Why some say we should celebrate Christmas:

“God wants us to honor Him”

- Yes, but how do we honor him? *Mal. 1:6-7*
- The Lord is honored when we obey Him.
1 Sam. 15:22; Mark 7:1-13
- We cannot honor God by doing that which He did not command. *Lev. 10:1-3; 1 Sam. 2:30*



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Why some say we should celebrate Christmas:

“Everyone else celebrates Christmas”

- Should we then reject Christianity on the same basis? *Acts 28:22*
- Would have to accept idolatry based on the same rule. *Acts 19:27*
- We cannot follow wrong just because many do. *Exo. 23:2; Matt. 7:13-14*



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Does this mean that Christians cannot participate
in the secular celebration of Christmas?

– Such would be a matter of personal judgment.

Rom. 14:5-10

– As long as activity is not sinful, all things belong to us. *1 Cor. 3:21b-23; 1 Cor. 10:23-31*

– But if we practice the secular celebration, won't others think we are practicing the religious celebration? *Acts 21:20-26; 1 Pet. 4:4*

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

