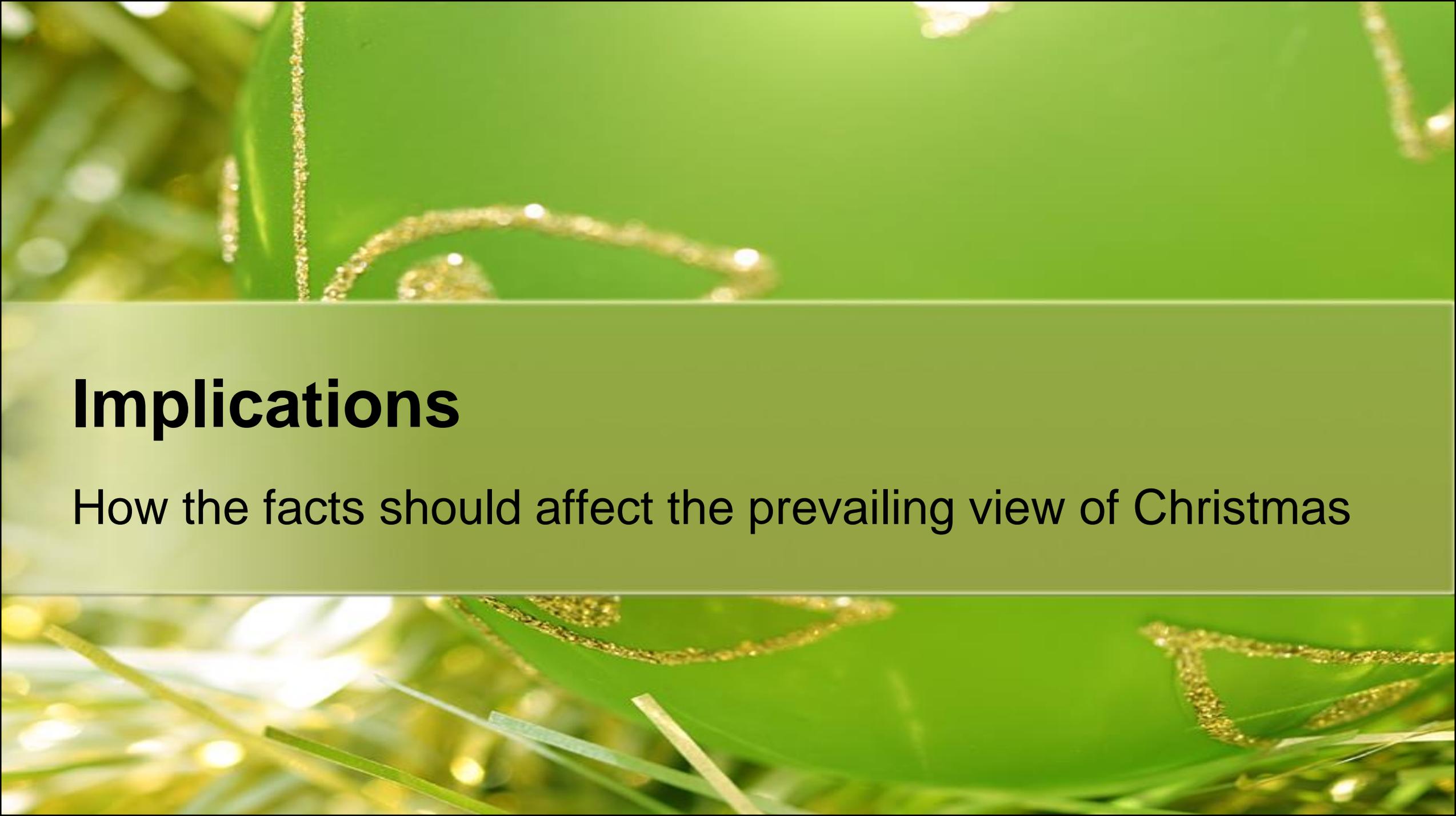




# **The Christmas Question**

Part 2 – Implications and Exhortations



# Implications

How the facts should affect the prevailing view of Christmas

## Implications:

# December 25 as Christ's Birthday

- Since there is no biblical support for Jesus being born on December 25 or the observance of Christmas in honor of His birth...
  - **Insisting** that Christmas must be observed in honor of Christ's birth *cannot be done by faith* – Rom. 10:17
  - Those who insist Christmas must be observed as Christ's birthday *elevate human tradition to doctrinal status* – Mt. 15:8-9
  - By what *authority* do people decry the commercialization of Christmas? – Lk. 11:13; 12:15
- If Christmas must be observed as Christ's birth, why no insisting on *biblical accuracy* in depicting His birth? – Lk. 2:15-16; Mt. 2:1-2, 10-11

## Implications:

# Problems with S.C.

- Some have a problem with the part S.C. plays in this holiday.
- S.C. is a character that has evolved like the rest of the Christmas. **To reject one is to reject the other!**
- For those who claim S.C. takes the focus of Christmas off Christ, know that God didn't put Christ at the center of Christmas, man did.
- People can enjoy the stories, movies, etc., about S.C. without it being a problem.
- As Christian parents we are to be truthful – Eph. 4:25



**Must Christmas be Rejected in Any Form?**

## Must Christmas be Rejected?

# Roots in the Apostate Church

- Objection: Christmas is a *religious* holiday with *roots in the apostate church*. So, it cannot be observed by Christians in any form.
  - Christmas is a man-made holiday that can be observed in many ways, including in secular fashion.
  - Its origin makes observing it no different than enjoying a picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Objection: If you observe December 25<sup>th</sup> in any form, others will think you believe and honor it as Christ's birthday.
  - Christians were to buy and eat meat without asking questions, allowing others to possibly *think* they were eating it to honor an idol – 1 Cor. 10:25-27
  - The world would think it *evil* to honor Christ at Christmas.
  - I could not participate in a public event celebrating Christ's birth – 1 Cor. 8:9-13

## Must Christmas be Rejected?

# Roots in Paganism

- Objection: Christmas cannot be observed by Christians because its roots are pagan.
  - Many non-objectionable things in life have objectionable origins—like the names of the days of the week.
  - Though many claim December 25 was chosen to counter the pagan celebration of the winter solstice, this is not firmly established.
  - Evidence shows that during the first few centuries Christians were very opposed to adopting heathen days into their culture.
- Though some of this theory *may* be true, that doesn't mean the holiday itself was pagan in origin.