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Sadly, however, men began to worship the celebration rather than the celebrated Savior of sinners. Focus on Christ has been replaced by focus on a fictionalized Santa Claus. Santa Claus seems to have become a god-like replacement of Christ. As a result, Christ is now largely ignored by many, and, ironically, those who oppose Christianity have even turned their hostility against His imaginary replacement.

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