



Choose Hope

Isaiah 9:1-7

Sunday, November 29, 2020

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Question of the Day: *As a child, what was your greatest “hope” or “wish” for Christmas? Did you get what you asked for?*

I. Advent centers our hearts and minds on Jesus. We celebrate his _____ and we anticipate his _____.

- “He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20)
- During this season, choose the hope, peace, joy and love that Jesus brings.

II. Jesus enters the darkness and brings light. Hope is found in Him.
(Isaiah 9:1-7)

- The _____. God’s people were divided and were living in dark times. What could turn the nations’ hopelessness into hope?
- The _____. The people of God would no longer be prisoners of darkness because light was coming. Light brings new hope and new life!
- The _____. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given” (v. 6)

III. What a beautiful, hope-filled name, the name of Jesus. “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus!!!”

- This Christmas carol doesn’t just describe a first-century human desire, it tells of a _____ hunger people have for God’s rule to extend over our troubled world.
- Advent is about _____ down and having patient watchfulness so we can _____ ourselves for the coming of the Kingdom.

IV. To think and pray about as you apply God’s Word to your life:

- In the book of Job, Bildad says, “Those who forget God have no hope” (Job 8:13, TLB). Where do you see this in your life today? In our world?
- It’s been said that the closer you get to Jesus, the more hope you’re going to have in your life. Who is the most “hope-filled” person in your life that you have learned from?
- What can you do this week to “slow down” and ready your heart for Jesus’ grace and mercy to be renewed in your life during this season of Advent?
- Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm on Zoom as Mike leads us in singing Christmas carols and Pastor John reflects on the above questions and brings a devotion based on “Hope.”

Next Sunday...

Next Sunday, Dec. 6, we continue in the season of Advent with a focus on Peace.

slowly, prepare
current
darkness, light, promise
coming, return

Answers: