

Advent

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION.

A Little Bit about Advent...

- Referenced as early as the council of Sargossa (AD380)
- Latin “Adventus” a translation of Greek “Parousia”, a word used both for the incarnation and 2nd coming of Christ.

Advent in your home...

What are the Advent traditions
in your home?

This Advent at WBC...

- Hope
- Faith
- Joy
- Peace

The Blessed Hope

Titus 2:11-15

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

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Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people of His own possession,

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Zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

What is Hope?

- Hope (Greek: *elpis*)
 - Expectation of good or evil
(historically, rarely used in a bad sense)
 - Joy and confident expectation of eternal life

What is Hope?

- Hope in the Old Testament
 - 15 Hebrew/Aramaic words for “hope”
 - “Hope” was more than just waiting or expectancy

What is Hope?

- Hope in the Old Testament (15 words)
 - “Miqveh” (root “qavah”) – hope, ground of hope, things hoped for, outcome
 - The pool of cleansing

Where Does Hope Come From?

- 2 Thess. 2:15-17

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- 1 Peter 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy **has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

What does Hope do?

- Anchors and steadies us (Heb. 6:17-20)
- Everlasting peace (Eph. 2:11-16)
- Protects (1 Thess. 5:8-11)

Jesus is our Hope

- Rom. 15:13 “God of Hope”
- Jer. 17:13 “Hope of Israel”
- I Tim. 1:1 “...Christ Jesus, who is our hope,”
- Our Great High Priest (Heb 7:11-28)

God Bless

HAVE A GREAT WEEK