

HOPE

“When God
Came Down”

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What is Advent?



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“Adventus” – An Important
Arrival

❖ One who is Coming
The Incarnation

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John 1:14

14 THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US. WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, THE GLORY OF THE ONE AND ONLY, WHO CAME FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

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HOPE IS IN
GOD'S PROMISES



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CREATION PROMISE
"VERY GOOD", but...



Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

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Isaiah 9: 2 & 6

2 THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT; ON THOSE LIVING IN THE LAND OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH A LIGHT HAS DAWNED...

6 FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN, AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

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Hope
Is a Person –
God's Son



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Matthew 1:20-23

“...Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

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Colossians 1:27

**TO THEM GOD CHOSE TO MAKE
KNOWN HOW GREAT AMONG THE
GENTILES ARE THE RICHES OF THE
GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY, WHICH IS
CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.**

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Hope
For Us Is
From God Alone



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“I hope so”



HOPE can be a wish or desire without certainty

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**Biblical Hope is filled
with Certainty**



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**What is our only hope
in life and death?**

**That we are not our own but
belong, body and soul, both
in life and death, to God and
to our Savior Jesus Christ.**



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Hebrews 6:17-20

SO WHEN GOD DESIRED TO SHOW MORE CONVINCINGLY TO THE HEIRS OF THE PROMISE THE *UNCHANGABLE CHARACTER OF HIS PURPOSE*, HE GUARANTEED IT WITH AN OATH,

SO THAT BY TWO UNCHANGEABLE THINGS, IN WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, WE WHO HAVE FLED FOR REFUGE MIGHT HAVE STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT *TO HOLD FAST TO THE HOPE SET BEFORE US.*

WE HAVE THIS AS A *SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR OF THE SOUL*, A HOPE THAT ENTERS INTO THE INNER PLACE BEHIND THE CURTAIN, WHERE *JESUS* HAS GONE AS A FORERUNNER ON OUR BEHALF...

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Romans 14:7-8

**For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.**

**For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or
whether we die, we are the Lord's.**



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John Wesley & The Storms of Life?

- Hardships
 - Chaos
 - Disappointments
 - Discouragement

None of these can defeat HOPE,
Wesley found Hope in Faith in God's Word

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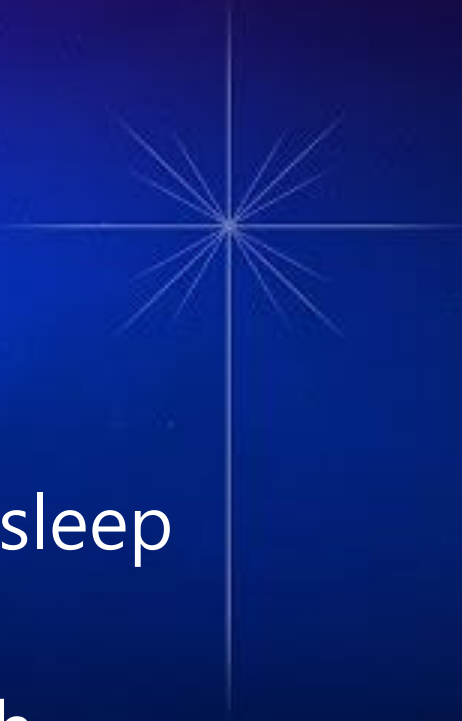
LUKE 2:10-11

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For **unto you** is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

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O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

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