



ADVENT

HOPE / PEACE / LOVE / JOY



WHAT IS
ADVENT?



HOPE

WEEK ONE OF ADVENT



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“Hope is the way that we overcome the lurking suspicion that all of our getting and spending amounts to fidgeting while we wait for death. We must imagine some end of life that transcends our own tiny allotment of days and hours if we are to keep at bay the dim back of the mind suspicion that one may be adrift in an absurd world”

ANDREW DELBANCO

THE WORD "HOPE"

- Greek: *Elpis* - strong expectation of good
- Hebrew: *Tikvah* - firm, solid expectation
 - Comes from a word meaning strong rope
 - Root word: *Qavah* - to wait, to expect

HOPE IN SUFFERING

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces *endurance*, ⁴ and endurance produces *character*, and character produces *hope*, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Suffering → Endurance → Character → Hope

ROMANS 5: 3-5

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was ***written for our instruction***, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have ***hope***.

ROMANS 15:4

HOPE
APART FROM
THINGS

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this ***light momentary affliction*** is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For ***the things that are seen are transient***, but ***the things that are unseen are eternal***.

2 COR 4:16-18

THE STORY OF HOPE



⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and ***death shall be no more***,
neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.”

REVELATION 21:4 - THE ULTIMATE HOPE

LIVE THE TEXT

1. Take a walk with a buddy
2. Understand contentment
3. Remind yourself of God's promises
4. Joy in today = hope for tomorrow

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