



**I. False Endings**

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**Key Truths:** Christ’s first advent gives us hope over the Serpent’s power.

**II. God’s Curse on Satan**

Genesis 3:15

v. 15a

The Curse of Enmity

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**Point:** God loved us enough to curse Satan.

v. 15b

The Promise of Defeat

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**Point:** In His death, Christ bruised the head of Satan.

**III. Why Christmas? Because We Need Hope**

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**Mid-Week Devotional** (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

After the Fall of Man, God clearly laid out the consequences of Adam and Eve’s rebellion. From that point forward, work would be turned into labor (Genesis. 3:19). Pain would be increased in childbirth (v. 16). Even more, the whole creation would be “subjected to futility” (Romans 8:20, ESV). In essence, everything would feel the sting of sin’s consequences.

Satan himself is not exempt from this. Indeed, he is the only one who is explicitly cursed by God after the Fall takes place. And though this may seem inconsequential to us, it is of great importance. For without God having cursed Satan, there would be no hope for humanity.

Throughout this Advent season, we are asking the question, “Why Christmas?” Over the next several weeks, we will be answering this question by looking at different themes of the Christmas story, including *peace*, *love*, and *joy*. But for this week, as we discuss the Christmas theme of *hope*, we want to affirm this oft-forgotten truth: the first Christmas took place because we needed hope.

In this week’s sermon, we learned that Jesus Christ *is* our bruised hope. For this, as we celebrate Christmas, we give Him the highest of praises! Take time this week to thank God for the hope that you have in Him. Also, consider the ways in which you feel hopeless. How does Christ provide you with hope considering those circumstances or struggles? How can the church serve or help you as you wrestle with this hopelessness?