

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12  
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## **Prayerfully Awaiting the Second Advent of Christ**

“Through all the Advents of our life that we celebrate runs the longing for the last Advent, when the word will be, “see, I am making all things new” (Rev 21:5). The Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is an Advent season, that is a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and new earth.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

### **Main Idea: We prayerfully await the second advent of Christ.**

Prayer: “an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.”  
(Westminster Shorter Catechism)

### **We await the second advent of Christ, praying that God would...**

#### **1. Make us worthy of his calling**

- Worthy: fitting, proper, or appropriate
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

#### **2. Fulfill every good work of faith**

- Resolve: to decide firmly on a course of action
- Ephesians 2:8-10 - [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- Philippians 2:12-13 - [12] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### **Outcome: God receives all the glory!**

- Matthew 5:14-16

**Response:**

1. Embrace the Gospel

2. Create a Spiritual Formation/Growth Plan for 2016

- Be realistic
- Be specific
- Be holistic
- Share your plan
- Seek community