

PREPARE THE

Way

HOPE

ADVENT SERIES

Advent Celebration:

***“Advent”** (Latin)*

***Adventus**, “Coming” or “Arrival”*

Advent Celebration:

Advent: A time to pray, fast and seek God in scripture.

Themes: Hope, Peace, Joy & Love.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵ You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Proverbs 13:12

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“Deferred” (*Hebrew*)

Meshach, “to push aside” or “delay.”

Hope Defined:

Websters definition of Hope...

“a wish or a dream”

The Biblical definition of Hope...

“expectation or future certainty.”

Psalm 62:1-5

I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from him.
² He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken. ³ So many enemies against one man—all of them trying to kill me. To them I'm just a broken-down wall or a tottering fence. ⁴ They plan to topple me from my high position. They delight in telling lies about me. They praise me to my face but curse me in their hearts. ⁵ Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

Hebrews 11:1

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Proverbs 13:12

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

Matthew 12:18-21

“Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. ¹⁹ He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public. ²⁰ He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally, he will cause justice to be victorious. ²¹ And his name will be the hope of all the world.”