

The Thrill of Hope *ADVENT – WEEK 1*

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Advent: Coming; Arrival

The thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices. – Oh Holy Night

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Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

1. We look back in _____.

John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son [a] from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (MSG) The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

- God is always doing so much _____ than you think He is.
- Celebrate _____!

2. We look forward in _____.

John 14:1-3 (NIV) “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Revelation 22:12-13 (NIV) “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22:17 (NIV) The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Revelation 22:20 (NIV) He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

- Find your _____ in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NKJV) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

3. We join in _____.

“Advent prepares not just for the first coming of Christ to Israel, or even the second at the end of time. There is a third coming between these two in which Jesus comes in spirit and power for our rest and consolation.” – St. Bernard of Clairvaux

John 14:23 (NIV) Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

- His victory is _____ .