



Thrill of Hope - Week 1
Advent = 'arrival' or 'coming'

The (Christmas) of Advent Past

Prophets:

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

- See also: Isaiah 7:14 & Micah 5:2 as examples

Christmas Songs:

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:78-79)

- See also: Luke 1:46-55; 2:14; 2:29-32

The (Second Coming) of Advent Future

"Readiness" Passages:

- See: Matthew 24:36-44; Mark 13:24-37; Luke 21:25-36 as examples

Hopeful Future-tense Passages:

"The LORD will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4)

- See also: 1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 21:1-7 as examples

The (Holy Ghost) of Advent Present

"For the present is the point at which time touches eternity..." (C.S. Lewis)

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you..." (Romans 8:11)

"Come, Lord Jesus, Come!" (Revelation 22:21)

HOW TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my Lord. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus

Advent Prayer:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Book of Uncommon Prayer)

BAPTISM

Baptism is an outward public expression of the inward spiritual expression of the inward spiritual reality that we've placed our lives in the capable hands of God. If you haven't been baptized we encourage you to take that next step of obedience in your faith.

12.18.22 | Bettendorf 9AM & 11 AM | Rock Island 10AM

STARTING POINT

12.11.22 | Bettendorf 10:15AM | Rock Island 11:15AM

Starting point is designed for people who are newer to Heritage. Come join us for a 30 minute conversation to learn about what Heritage is passionate about and how to connect deeper into the life of the church. We are also excited to learn more about you! Head to our Church Center app to get registered.

Christmas Eve Services

Bettendorf Campus 2PM | 4PM | 6PM

Rock Island Campus 3PM & 5PM

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