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Christmas Through the Bible

Waiting for Our Advent

Advent is a time of anticipation. The build up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. For as long as the anticipation is, Advent ends with a definitive suddenness. Christmas Day ends so does Advent. Or does it? The first Advent is over, however for believers there remains a second advent when Jesus returns and ushers in His eternal kingdom.

Additional Verses:

Isaiah 25:8

Matthew 6:10, 33

Mark 1:15

John 6:33

Titus 2:13

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Outline:

1. Christmas in the coming kingdom. Revelation 11:15

2. Christmas in the new creation. Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-6

3. Christmas in the invitation. Revelation 22:17

Study Questions:

1. What Advent is in the future for believers? Why is this called “our blessed hope” in Titus 2:13?

2. Why are believers commanded to pray for God’s kingdom to come? How do we seek God’s kingdom? How do we see God’s kingdom reflected on Earth today?

3. Why is the new creation not really new? How is Revelation 21:1-5 a reversal of Genesis 3?

4. Why does the Book of Revelation end with an invitation? How does that invitation and Revelation confirm the meaning of Emmanuel?

5. What are some things that will not be in heaven? What promises of heaven encourage you the most? Why?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?