



MESSAGE NOTES

Prepared for Christmas?

Isaiah 9:6

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1. Advent Means Coming

The word advent means “coming,” and when Christians talk about advent they usually are talking about the the weeks leading up to Christmas — the birth of Christ.

2. Preparing our hearts

Advent is when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

a. Make Time

Busyness makes it difficult to prepare. Make time to prepare your heart.

b. Be Full of Hope

Hopelessness is a thief, it steals any openness in our hearts to receive.

Hope is a confident expectation of good based on believing the promises of God.

c. Expect Good

Let God determine what is good.

Isaiah 9:6 “ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Note: We often hear this scripture sung or played during the Christmas season in the classic Handel’s Messiah No. 12 Unto us a child is born.

Conclusion

The most unimaginable present has been given — Jesus gave himself to die and raise from the dead for you so that you can have life for eternity.

Receive this. Turn away from self-help and sin. Become like little children.

Trust him. Trust him. Trust him with your life. Even if you’ve made Jesus Christ the Lord of your life many years ago, celebrate Christmas as a way to remember this gift you have received.