

Advent Attitude

CHRIST-mas is a celebration of Messiah

specifically His Coming - Adventus (Latin)

tradition: 1st coming, personal coming, 2nd coming

new title (Rev 1:4 & 8, 4:8, 11:17) “who was and who is and who is to come”

our Celebration and our Message to the World

He Came

(Mt 1:23) ²³“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

He is Personally Available

(Ac 2:38-39) ³⁸Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹“For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

He is Coming

(Ac 1:9-11) ⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

established Focus - not rapture, Armageddon (us), not antichrist (devil)

Luke, Paul, Hebrews, James, Peter, John, Jude - with eagerness

(Heb 9:28) ²⁸so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Video: Elf - He's Coming

(Heb 12:1-2) let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,

What is the joy set before us for which we endure?

(1Th 2:19) ¹⁹For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

(Heb 10:35-37) ³⁵Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ³⁷“For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

(Jas 5:7-8) ⁷Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

(1Jn 3:2) ²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (1Th 4:16-18) ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Comforting words in any circumstance:

You will see Him. You will be like Him. You will always be with Him.

The Revelation of Jesus

(Rev 1:7) ⁷Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

(Rev 22:7) ⁷“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

(Rev 22:12) ¹²“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

(Rev 22:17) ¹⁷And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

(Rev 22:20) ²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Advent Attitude = focused, eager desire for increasing Intimacy with Jesus
Heart Cry of Come Lord Jesus!