

The Advent Experience of Christmas: **HOPE**

We live in a world broken by sin, but there is **HOPE**.

Messiah is **Coming**!!

Genesis 3:15 NLT

And I will cause **hostility** between **you** and the **woman**, and between **your offspring** and **her offspring**. He will **strike** your head, and you will **strike** his heel.”

Messiah will **suffer** for our sins.

Isaiah 53:4-5 NLT

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Messiah will reign on the throne of King David forever.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NLT

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. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!

Messiah will come when the time is **right**.

Galatians 4:4 NLT

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

Waiting on God is **Never** Easy

1 Samuel 13:11 (NIV 1984)

“What have you done?” asked Samuel.

Waiting Reveals Our True **Motives**

1 Samuel 13:13a (NIV 1984)

“You acted foolishly,” Samuel said.

Waiting Builds **Patience** In Our Lives

Ephesians 6:10 (NIV 1984)

.....be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Waiting Builds **Anticipation**

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV 1984)

....those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Waiting **Transforms** Our Character

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV 1984)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Waiting Builds Intimacy and **Dependency** Upon God

Proverbs 18:24 (NIV 1984)

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Waiting on God is **Always** Worth It

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Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV 1984)

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV 1984)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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