



ADVENT
THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS
A Messiah Will Come!

*"Christmas means that we are so lost, so unable to save ourselves,
that nothing less than the death of the Son of God himself could save us."*

Tim Keller

"The task of the Messiah was to restore us, to make us children of God, heirs of heaven rather than hell. Only the Son of God could accomplish this by becoming a son of man, taking our condition upon himself that he might transfer his condition upon us, by grace. He became flesh and bone to become like us and to unite us to himself. We have the hope of a heavenly inheritance because God's son has adopted us as his brothers. And, if his brothers, then we are co-heirs with him."

Adapted from **John Calvin**

*Eve, it's Mary, Now I'm a mother too!
The child I carry, A promise coming true!
This baby comes to save us from our sin!
A servant King, His kingdom without end!
Almost, not yet, already
Almost, not yet, already
He comes to make his blessings flow
As far and wide as the curse is found!*

Katy Bowser and Sandra McCracken (Mary Consoles Eve)

I. Christmas: The Promise of *Old* (Genesis 3:15, Numbers 24:19, Isaiah 7:14)

A. A *Messiah* will come!

Genesis 3:15

Numbers 24: 17

B. His People *Wait* for Him..... *with Patience!*

Isaiah 7:14

II. Christmas: The Promise *Fulfilled*

A. He *HAS* come! (The *long expected One*)

Matthew 1:22-23

B. He *IS* Immanuel (and His name is *Jesus*)

III. Christmas: The Promise that *He Will Come Again* (2 *Advents!*)

A. Come *Again*, Thou Long expected Jesus!

B. We Wait for Him, again *with Patience!* (Enduring Faith)

1 Thessalonians 1:10

Romans 6:23 The *Gift* of God at Christmas!

John 3:16-19

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Numbers 24:16-17,19

The prophecy of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near.

A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel . . .

a ruler will come out of Jacob . . ."

Isaiah 7:14

The Lord himself will give you a sign:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

1 Thessalonians 1:10

(We) wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 53:4-6

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

