

December 4, 2016
“The God Of Hope!”
(Romans 15: 4-13)

There are two basic attitudes toward life – one of hope and one of _____ -- one of trust, the other of _____ -- one of optimism, the other of _____.

Some people live with such a feeling of dread and doom that they dismiss the possibility of _____.

The bells, the lights, all the sights and sounds of this special time of year speak to us about _____.

During the Advent season, we need look for only one _____, a star that shines brighter than all the rest. It is the star of _____, always the world’s greatest _____ of hope.

A couple of thoughts about Advent:

#1. – Advent is hope for the _____.

Isaiah prophesied that a Messiah was coming. John the Baptist saw himself as the _____ of that Messiah.

The concern of the prophets was not only one of _____ salvation but also the salvation of _____, and through Israel, the salvation of the _____.

When the Messiah –the Christ—came into the world he brought with him the _____ of a new _____.

It is a kingdom that is still alive and still at work whenever the name of _____ is on the _____ of believers.

No wonder the angels sang in the heavens and wise men bowed in _____.

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#2. – Advent is also hope for us as _____.

_____ is hope for you and me!

This is the season of the year when we are reminded that this is _____ world!

He is at work in this world, and even though we may be surrounded by _____, we know there is a light shining in the darkness that the darkness cannot _____!

Even the prospect of death cannot dispel the believer’s sense of _____.

Because of the God of Hope....you and I are free to choose the _____ with which we confront life.

We can face the future with fear and foreboding, or we can _____ in the God who has sustained us through the years.

We can choose to live in continued _____, or we can step out into the _____ of hope and triumph and eternal _____.

We can live for _____ alone, or we can make the world a _____ place to live for all persons.

Doesn’t the Good News of _____ and Christmas change your attitude about _____?

This is the kind of change that takes place when the Christ Child is born anew in our hearts!

Has He been born anew in you?