

Holidays and Holy Days – Fall 2019

Week 8: Advent Part 2

- **Holidays and Holy Days**
 - Part 1: OT Feasts and Holy Days (weeks 1-4 ... handouts for 1-3)
 - Part 2: NT Fulfillment (week 5)
 - Part 3: Church Practice (Week 6)
 - **Part 4: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (week 7-9 – Dec. 1,15,22)**

 - **Advent Wreath**
 - **1st Sunday & 1st Purple Candle – Prophecy / Hope**
 - **2st Sunday & 2st Purple Candle – Bethlehem / Love**
 - **3st Sunday & 3st Pink Candle – Shepherd / Joy**
 - **4st Sunday & 4st Purple Candle – Angel / Peace**
 - Christmas Day & Middle White Candle – Christ / Light and Purity

 - **Advent Overview**
 - **Video:** Advent in 2 Minutes
 - **Waiting, Longing**
 - **Examples:** Zechariah (Luke 1), Simeon / Anna (Luke 2:22-40), ...
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- **First Candle – Prophets / Hope (Purple)**
 - **Passage:** Isaiah 9:2-7

 - **Longing for Hope**
 - *See Last Week's Lesson*
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- **Second Candle – Bethlehem / Mary / Love** *(Purple)*
 - **Passage:** Luke 1:26-38, 46-56
 - **Song:** “Mary Did You Know”

- **Longing for Love**
 - **What is Love?**
 - I Corinthians 13
 - **Longing for Love**
 - Genesis 1 & 2
 - Song of Songs
 - **Failure of Love**
 - **Dealing with our Longing for Love**
 - **Why leave us unfulfilled?**
 - Book of Psalms
 - **God is Love ... and Loves YOU**
 - I John 4
 - Ephesians 5
 - Exodus 34:5-7
 - I John 3:1-2
 - **Christmas: Ultimate proof God Loves You!**
 - John 3:16-17
 - I John 4:9-10
 - I John 3:16
 - Romans 5:6-8
 - **God’s Love Guaranteed to Last**
 - Romans 8:31-39
 - **Application: Are You Longing for God’s Love?**
 - Revelation 2

- **SONG: He Made a Way in a Manger**

- **Third Candle – Shepherd’s / Joy (Pink)**
 - **Passage:** Luke 2:8-20

- **Longing for Joy**
 - **Intro**
 - What is Joy? What brings Joy?

 - **Shout with Joy to the Lord**
 - Psalm 98:4-9
 - Psalm 33:1-3
 - Psalm 95:1-7
 - Psalm 47

 - **Joy anchored in God’s Word**
 - Nehemiah 4:8-10
 - Psalm 19:7-9

 - **Longing for Future Joy**
 - Jeremiah 31:7-14
 - Jeremiah 31:15-23

 - **Joy announced in Christ**
 - John the Baptist
 - Luke 2:8-14
 - Matthew 2:10-12

 - **Joy indwells men in Holy Spirit**
 - Acts 8:4-8
 - Acts 13:52

 - **Joy in Others**
 - Paul over 30 references, Many like: I Thes. 2:19
 - Joy in others growing in Christ: Phil. 4:1; Philemon 4-7
 - Jesus summarizes many of these thoughts in his prayer in John 15:9-17

 - **Longing for Joy**
 - Where are you looking for Joy?
 - Are you Longing for Joy?

- **SONG:** Joy to the World

- **Fourth Candle – Angel / Peace** *(Purple)*
 - **Passage with Angels:**
 - **To Zechariah:** Luke 1:5-25
 - **To Mary:** Luke 1:26-38
 - **To Joseph:** Matt. 1:21-25
 - **To Shepherds:** Luke 2:8-21
 - **Song:** Angels From the Realms of Glory

- **Longing for Peace**
 - **Peace on Earth**
 - Isaiah 9:6-7
 - Peace is what the Jews longed for ... and what the Angel's declared:
 - To Mary: Luke 1:31-33 ... To the Shepherd: Luke 2:14
 - Today we have anything but peace: - "I Heard the Bells" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – 1864
 - The King Shall Come: Revelation

 - **Peace of Heart**
 - Another Kind of King
 - Luke 1:31-33; Matthew 1:21
 - Another Kind of Peace
 - Peace Within ... The Real War is Within
 - The Real Peace we need is With God
 - Galatians 1:3-5
 - Romans 5:1-8
 - Peace That Surpasses Understanding
 - II Peter 1:1-4
 - Philippians 4:4-9

 - **This Christmas ...**

Doxologies

- **Romans 15:13**
- **II Thessalonians 3:16**
- **Jude 24-25**

Next Week: Christ Fulfills All Our Longings ... Longing for Heaven, Living on Earth