Holidays and Holy Days – Fall 2019

Week 8: Advent Part 2

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

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

• Advent Overview
  o Video: Advent in 2 Minutes
  o Waiting, Longing
  o Examples: Zechariah (Luke 1), Simeon / Anna (Luke 2:22-40), ...

• First Candle – Prophets / Hope (Purple)
  o Passage: Isaiah 9:2-7

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

• **Longing for Love**
  
  ▪ **What is Love?**  
    o I Corinthians 13
  
  ▪ **Longing for Love**  
    o Genesis 1 & 2  
    o Song of Songs
  
  ▪ **Failure of Love**
  
  ▪ **Dealing with our Longing for Love**
  
  ▪ **Why leave us unfulfilled?**  
    o Book of Psalms
  
  ▪ **God is Love ... and Loves YOU**  
    o I John 4  
    o Ephesians 5  
    o Exodus 34:5-7  
    o I John 3:1-2
  
  ▪ **Christmas: Ultimate proof God Loves You!**  
    o John 3:16-17  
    o I John4:9-10  
    o I John 3:16  
    o Romans 5:6-8
  
  ▪ **God’s Love Guaranteed to Last**  
    o Romans 8:31-39
  
  ▪ **Application: Are You Longing for God’s Love?**  
    o Revelation 2

• **SONG:** He Made a Way in a Manger
• **Third Candle – Shepherd’s / Joy** (*Pink*)
  
  o **Passage:** Luke 2:8-20

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

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

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

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

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

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

  o **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

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

• **SONG:** Joy to the World
• **Fourth Candle – Angel / Peace** *(Purple)*
  o **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
  o **Song:** Angels From the Realms of Glory

• **Longing for Peace**
  o **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
  o **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
        o Galatians 1:3-5
        o Romans 5:1-8
      • Peace That Surpasses Understanding
        o II Peter 1:1-4
        o Philippians 4:4-9
  o **This Christmas ...**

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**Doxologies**

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

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