

Advent
Hope—1 Peter 1 (p. 1014)

Advent means coming. We look back with hope at the first Christmas when Jesus came into our world as a humble baby in a manger and we anticipate His second coming. For many, Christmas is a time filled with hope and anticipation. How does the reality of Christ coming as a baby and His promised return fill us with hope and anticipation that goes beyond Christmas?

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

...he has caused us to be born again

...to a living hope

... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Biblical Hope is certain anticipation based on past fulfillment

1 Peter 1:6-7

Hope gives us something to do today

1 Peter 1:13

Hope leads to preparation

Hope eliminates distraction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13