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**