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USS S-4 (SS-109)



The Navy destroyer Paulding damaged its bow in raising and sinking the submarine S-4 near Provincetown on Dec. 17, 1927. Forty sailors died.

Is there any hope?

It's the cry of humanity.

Hope is an indispensable quality of life—
without hope, life loses all its meaning.

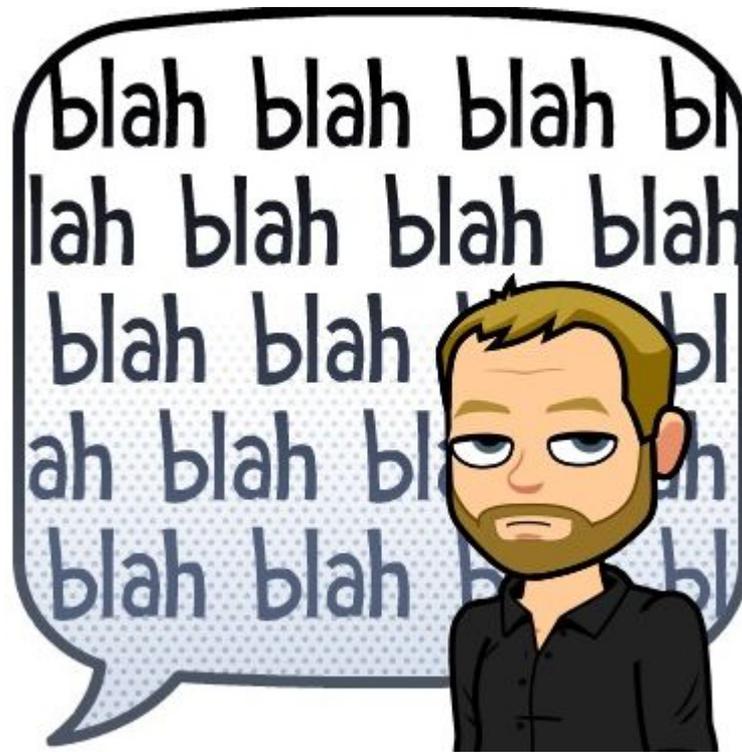
ADVENT

Advent means, “arrival or coming into place.”

It's a time when Christians remember and celebrate Christ's first coming, and at the same time, look forward to His second coming.

Advent is a season of joy and hope for the believer!

Why doesn't it feel like a joyous time?



Advent is about a living hope that looks back to Jesus and forward to His return.

Question:
How do we do it?

How do we live as people of advent,
people grounded and rooted in
a biblical hope?

How do we live with biblical hope?

Biblical Hope Defined:

Biblical hope is not wishful thinking...
it's a settled expectation that God will
come through on His promises.

We need someone to come and make things right—that's our only hope!

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign:
See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

He will be named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end.
He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and
sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this.

God Goes Silent!

Is there any hope?

YES!

For at just the right time the silence is broken!

“When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.”

Galatians 4:4-5

Matthew 1:22-23

²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ **See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel, which is translated “God is with us.”**

Our Hope is:

Jesus' death, burial, resurrection
and glorious return—this is our only hope!

This is what advent is about.
This is biblical hope.

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**Know that we live in a world where
hope is alive!**

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Understand that we lack hope!

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**Understand that hoping in God doesn't
come naturally to broken people like us.
Hope is something we must work at.**

We must speak truth to ourselves.

Psalm 42:5

⁵ Why, my soul, are you so dejected?

Why are you in such turmoil?

Put your hope in God, for I will still
praise him, my Savior and my God.

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Preach Truth to yourself!

1 Cor. 15:54-57

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

...But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's hope was a living hope,
a confident expectation!

He believed what God had said,
God would do...

That's how we live with biblical hope.
Hope amid troubles!

Keep on, keeping on—in HOPE!
When you've done all you can to
stand firm... Stand firm. Hope in God!
Know that He is with you... Always.

May we be known as a people of hope
who look back to Jesus and forward to His
return.