

My Tho'ts for Sunday 11/24/2013

“It’s Coming”

Dear friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it is coming. According to Webster’s New World Dictionary, this is the meaning of advent: “The coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important.”

Yes this coming is extremely important. According to The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy: Advent is “The coming of Jesus, either in the Incarnation of biblical times or in the Second Coming at the end of the world. Also, a time observed in many Christian churches in December to prepare for Christmas.”

Christians all around the world are looking forward in anticipation of the celebration of the Advent Season, beginning the first Sunday in December, (Advent Sunday), and continuing until Christmas. At this time we gather as a church family to decorate our church in preparation for His arrival. It is that time when we review the age old story of God pouring out His love on all believing mankind. Reviewing the fulfillment of the prophesy of Micah, at (Micah 5:2,) that out of Bethlehem would come the one to rule over Israel. Prophecies of Isaiah would also be fulfilled by this child to be called Immanuel (Isaiah 7:13-14 & Isaiah 9:6).

So many prophecies regarding this God/Man would be fulfilled by this infant child of Mary, beginning with God’s very first promise to Adam and Eve that a Savior would come to crush the serpent’s head in Genesis 3:14-15. I could go on and on with all the prophecies that were fulfilled by this God/Man Jesus; it would require much more space and time than I have here to relate them all.

We read anew the wonderful stories of the angels’ visit to the shepherds, the angel’s visit to Mary, telling her the unbelievable news that she would have a child from God and call him Jesus and the angel’s visit to Joseph to set his mind at rest regarding his betrothed. As we watch these events unfold in scripture we rejoice that God has chosen us to be the beneficiaries of these glorious lifesaving promises.

God has also given us the privilege and commission to spread this wonderful news to our friends, neighbors, families and others who have not heard the true meaning of Advent and Christmas. This is truly one very important opportunity to share with others, the reason for the joy in our lives.

Sharing in your joy of the Advent of our Lord,

Your Webmaster

