

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED - WE'RE JUST WAITING!
ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

1st Week of Advent – Waiting in Hope

December 5, 2020

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

Meditation:

As we wait in hope for our Christmas celebration, we are reminded this week that we are Advent people every day just like we are Easter people every day. We are in the period of Advent awaiting Christ's final return when earth and heaven will become one.

For some, this will be a time of great fear and angst as they have rebelled against God and his ways and will be coming face to face with the Holy God of all creation. But for believers, we are given a picture that brings us great hope. A picture of God coming to dwell in the midst of his people. It will be so beautiful when evil and wickedness are completely removed. The faithful ones will be in the midst of this scene watching what God does.

A hope of assurance in no more tears or sorrows. No more separation between God and ourselves. No more thirst for we will receive the waters of life. We live in hope for what God has promised and we know it is trustworthy and true.

How has your level of hope increased this week as we wait in hope for Christ?

To whom can you share this vision of hope – the hope of Christ's return and beauty that awaits God's children who believe?

Prayer:

Lord, the splendor of what John describes seems more than we can imagine. We wait in hope for the beauty of that day while we wait in hope for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Let us experience fully in hope what you promise so that we will know and be ready when it happens. To you be all glory now and forever. Amen.