

Message Outline
Teaching Tradition: Advent
Galatians 4:4-7



Intro: This Advent, looking at the Biblical text behind some Christmas traditions...

- Wreath, lectionary readings, Chrismon ornaments, preaching series (trees, lights, gifts)...
- “Advent” comes from Latin “*adventus*” meaning “coming”...
-3-fold “coming” of Christmas...

Read: Galatians 4:4-7

v.4a—“when the time had fully come...”

- The Eternal God’s care of the clock (cf. 1Pet.1:20)...
- The clock back in the beginning (Gen.1:1).
- Sin setting the clock back (Gen.3).
- Covenants role in keeping the clock ticking (Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic etc.).
- 400 years of silence before sounding the chime!!!

v.4-7—The “comings” that “Advent” anticipates...

1) Coming as a C_____ v.4

- Advent as a look back at Jesus’ birth...
- Remember God has written His story thru HIStory (Lk.1:1-4, Mt.1:1, 17)...

2) Coming in C_____ v.5-6

- The need to receive...allowing the data to get in our DNA by faith...
- Faith’s role in forming us into the family... “Abba, Father”.

3) Coming as K_____ v.7

- An “heir” means there’s more in store (cf. v.1-2)...
- Adventing Jesus’ 2nd coming (Acts 1:10-11, Rev.22:12-14)...

Closing: Where are you in this journey this Advent?

1st Sunday of Advent: Candle of Hope



¹¹ This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. ¹³ Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don’t participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don’t let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

-Romans 13:11-14 NLT