

Every Day Advent Joy – Waiting for Christmas

Every Day a Precious Gift

We recall The First Advent of The Incarnation of GOD as The Infant JESUS CHRIST in humble birth - fully Divine and fully Human, but without sin - The Promised Savior of Men!

We await The Second Advent of CHRIST The King, anticipating when we shall see Him face to face on The Day of our Judgment or on The Day of His Return – The full Glory of GOD forever!

PSALM 80:14-19

14 Return, we beseech Thee, O GOD of Hosts: look down from Heaven, and behold, and visit this vine... [Your people]

17 Let thy hand be upon The Man of Thy right hand, upon The Son of Man Whom Thou madest strong for Thyself.

18 So will not we go back from Thee: quicken us, and we will call upon Thy Name.

19 Turn us again, O LORD GOD of Hosts, cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. ¹

I CORINTHIANS 1:4-8

4 ...The Grace of GOD which is given you by JESUS CHRIST;

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

6 Even as the testimony of CHRIST was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye... [lack] in no gift; waiting for The Coming [Again] of our Lord JESUS CHRIST:

8 Who shall also confirm you unto The End, that ye may be blameless in The Day of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. ²

MARK 13:33-37

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when The Time is.

34 For The Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the... [watchman] to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh...

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. ³

Our Advent Joy

The Advent of The Holy One shakes humanity into "that state of inner movement and restlessness of heart in which man comes into The Presence of GOD The Lord." ⁴ Lord, You assumed at Your First Coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled The Design You formed long ago to open for all people The Way to eternal salvation. Lord, at Your Second Coming, when You return in full Glory and Majesty, may we who watch for That Day inherit That Great Promise of everlasting Peace and Life in which we daily dare to hope! AMEN. ⁵

¹ King James Version Bible, PSALM 80:14-19.

² King James Version Bible, I CORINTHIANS 1:4-8.

³ King James Version Bible, MARK 13:33-37.

⁴ "The Watchfulness We Need." Fr. Alfred Delp, SJ. The Magnificat. First Sunday of Advent. Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014, p 417, para 2. Father Delp was a Jesuit Priest who was martyred by the Nazis in Berlin, Germany at the end of WWII in 1945.

⁵ Adapted from "Preface I of Advent: The Two Comings of CHRIST." The Magnificat. Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014, p 415.