

Sunday, November 30, 2025



The Light of Hope

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.

As Advent begins, we are invited into a season of anticipation and reflection. Advent, meaning "coming," is a time to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus—the Light of the World. In the midst of life's darkness, His light shines with hope, peace, joy, and love.

Isaiah's prophecy speaks to people burdened under shadows of despair. Yet, even in that darkness, there was a promise: a great light would dawn. This light is Jesus, whose birth we celebrate and whose return we eagerly await. His light pierces through the gloom of fear, uncertainty, and sin, offering us hope beyond circumstances.

Advent is not just about looking back at the manger but also looking forward to Christ's return. We live in the "already but not yet"—between His first coming and His second. In this in-between space, we are called to be bearers of His light, reflecting His love in a world that still knows darkness.

As you light the first candle on the Advent wreath, the **candle of hope**, consider where you need Christ's light in your life. Are there areas of fear, doubt, or weariness? Invite Him into those spaces. His hope is not wishful thinking; it's a confident expectation rooted in His unchanging promises.

Reflection Questions:

- Where do you see signs of God's hope in your life right now?
- How can you be a light of hope to others this Advent season?

Prayer:

Gracious God, as we begin this Advent journey, we thank You for the hope we find in Jesus. In our darkness, shine Your light. In our waiting, remind us of Your promises. Help us to be reflections of Your hope in our families, communities, and the world. Amen.

Submitted by Ray Edmonds. This is the result of Ray asking ChatGPT (an Artificial Intelligence website) to write an Advent devotional.