

SENT:

“The Coming Lord”

Part 1

**“For since the world began
no ear has heard and no eye has seen
a God like you, who works for those
who wait for Him!”
Isaiah 64:4**

A. Advent is all about waiting...

1. Waiting for an answer.
2. Waiting for relief.
3. Waiting for forgiveness.
4. Waiting for His promise.

“Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down! How the mountains would quake in your presence!” Isaiah 64:1

B. Waiting is a time of spiritual growth...

“I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.” Psalm 130:5-6

1. Waiting is a time to develop trust.
“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6
2. Waiting is a time to develop patience.
“Be patient, therefore brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.” James 5:7-8

3. Waiting is a time to develop in love.
“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.” I Corinthians 13:4

4. Waiting is a time to develop in character.
“I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!” Psalms 27:13-14

C. Jesus was sent...

1. Jesus was sent to show the power of God.
“For since the world began no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for Him!” vs 4
2. Jesus was sent to rescue us from our sin.
“We are constant sinners; how can people like us be saved?” vs 5
3. Jesus was sent to rescue us from our good works.
“We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.” Vs 6
4. Jesus was sent to us that we might rely on Him for our salvation.
“And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand.” Vs 8

D. Jesus was sent...

1. Jesus was sent to bring us the answer to the needs of our lives.
“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10
2. Jesus was sent to bring relief to the struggles of this life.
“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33
3. Jesus was sent to bring forgiveness as promised.
“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” Ephesians 1:7

4. Jesus was sent to fulfill the promises as provided in Christ.

“And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father.” Acts 1:4

E. Your Advent Advent-ure is to see the “Sent” Jesus and make a difference...

1. In the lives of those in your world...watch!
2. In the ways of those who celebrate the birth of Christ...watch!
3. In the hearts of those who are giving...watch!
4. In the ways you can touch the lives of those around you! ...Make a difference!

**Your Advent-ure is
to let your light shine!!**

“The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Matthew 4:16
“You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:14
“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16