

The Advent Candle of Hope (Matthew 1:22-23)

I. Hope in Christ gets you through the waiting, Genesis 2:16,17, 3:15, 12:2-3;
Isaiah 7:14

The Advent season is all about waiting. Whatever we are waiting for, Christ is our ultimate Hope.

II. Hope in Christ helps you go the distance, Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 60:3;
Matthew 2:1-2, 28:19; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

The Magi travelled a long distance to see the prophesized Messiah and bring Him gifts.

Hope in Christ that helps us "go the distance" in life's difficulties.

III. Hope in Christ does not disappoint, Mt. 1:22-23; Luke 2:5-7, 25-32, 36-38;
Romans 5:5, 8:23-25, 10:11

A. Mary's hope in Jesus was not disappointed.

B. Simeon, too, put his hope in Christ, and was not disappointed.

C. Anna the Prophetess saw Christ in the temple, put all her hope in God and was not disappointed.

IV. Advent is about those who wait for Christ's second coming and renewal of all things. Romans 8:23-25, Rev 21:1-5

If we're suffering today with "spiritual inertia", let's lay hold of the power of God and trust Him as we serve others, in Jesus' name.