

ADVENT 2025

BIBLE READING PLAN



WEEK ONE: HOPE

DECEMBER 1 - 6

Do you remember, as a child, seeing the gifts beneath the Christmas tree and hoping with all your heart that what you asked for was wrapped and waiting for you? The buzzing in your veins, the slightly sweaty palms, the excited and impatient smile on your face – each one a sign of the anticipation that your hopes might actually be fulfilled.

Hope. It's something our world so desperately needs. It's something our hearts long for. Yet, it's something no earthly thing will ever be able to fully provide. When Jesus came, He gave us many gifts – but one of the greatest was true and eternal hope... Hope we can cling to. His coming brought more than we can fully comprehend, and on this side of heaven, we will never completely grasp the depth of it.

Still, we sit here in the "in-between" – grateful for Jesus' first Advent in Bethlehem, and longing with expectation for His return, when all our hopes will finally be fulfilled.

As we enter this first week of Advent, may we walk in gratitude for the promise fulfilled in Jesus – and with hopeful expectation for what is still to come.

- ☐ **December 1:** Isaiah 11:1-10
- ☐ **December 2:** Romans 8:18-30
- ☐ **December 3:** Isaiah 9:1-7
- ☐ **December 4:** 1 Peter 1:3-13
- ☐ **December 5:** Hebrews 10:19-25
- ☐ **December 6:** Luke 2:22-38

WEEK TWO: PEACE

DECEMBER 7 - 13

Whether you're a "winter person" or not, you've likely noticed the serenity that comes with a fresh snowfall. When dusk settles and the ground is blanketed in white... when you look out the window and see snowflakes falling, yet hear nothing – just quiet.

In a world filled with chaos and noise, peace can feel nearly impossible to find – yet it's something every soul longs for. Jesus came to bring peace to our peaceless world. He came to offer our hearts a deep sense of contentment, allowing us to rest in Him and His goodness, rather than chase after worldly things to satisfy us. He alone is the answer to the anxiety and fear that flood our world.

Oh, that silent night... when everything we had been waiting for came in its fullness. A King in a manger. Power wrapped in humility. Peace wrapped in a promise.

- ☐ **December 7:** Luke 2:1-20
- ☐ **December 8:** Zechariah 9:9-17
- ☐ **December 9:** Psalm 46:1-11
- ☐ **December 10:** Colossians 3:12-17
- ☐ **December 11:** John 16:16-33
- ☐ **December 12:** Luke 1:26-56
- ☐ **December 13:** Matthew 2:1-12

WEEK THREE: JOY

DECEMBER 14-20

There's something undeniably special about the glow of Christmas lights on a cold December night. Maybe it's the warmth they bring to a dark street... or the way they make even the simplest home feel magical. They don't change the temperature or fix the chaos of the day, but somehow, they shift the atmosphere.

Joy is like that.

It doesn't mean life is perfect. It doesn't mean you aren't tired or hurting or waiting on something to change. But joy – true joy – doesn't depend on circumstance. It comes from knowing the One who never changes. The One who entered into our world, into our mess, and brought with Him a joy that no darkness can overcome.

On that holy night, joy broke through. A Savior was born. Heaven rejoiced, and creation responded – not because everything was fixed, but because Hope had come.

Thank you, Jesus, for joy that lights the dark.

- ☐ **December 14:** John 1:1-18
- ☐ **December 15:** Psalm 16
- ☐ **December 16:** Isaiah 61:1-11
- ☐ **December 17:** Luke 1:26-56
- ☐ **December 18:** Galatians 4:1-7
- ☐ **December 19:** Matthew 11:25-30
- ☐ **December 20:** Isaiah 40:1-11

WEEK FOUR: LOVE

DECEMBER 21-25

It's easy to think of love in terms of warmth – the embrace of family, the laughter of friends, the closeness we feel around a dinner table or under the glow of twinkling lights. But love, real love, runs much deeper than sentiment or seasonal emotion. It shows up not just in comfort, but in sacrifice.

The love we celebrate at Christmas is the kind that came down – not because we earned it, but because we needed it. A holy God stepped into a broken world, not with judgment in His hands, but with mercy in a manger.

Jesus is the fullness of love – not distant or passive, but present, near, and willing to bear the weight of our sin. His arrival was the beginning of a rescue story, written in love from the very start. As we reflect on Jesus' love this final week of Advent, let's cultivate hearts of repentance for our sin, gratitude for His sacrifice, and expectation for His return. And as Christmas arrives, may our celebration be rooted in the miracle of Love Himself coming to dwell among us.

- ☐ **December 21:** 1 John 4:7-21
- ☐ **December 22:** Isaiah 54:1-17
- ☐ **December 23:** Ephesians 3:14-21 *
- ☐ **December 24:** Romans 5:6-17
- ☐ **December 25:** Matthew 1:18-25