

FIRST ADVENT

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Why do Christians celebrate four weeks of Advent every December?

To PREPARE our lives for the coming of Jesus.

The Old Testament POINTS US toward Jesus, who comes to save us.

JEREMIAH 33:15

In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;

He will do what is just and right in the land.

The New Testament TELLS US of Jesus, who came once and will come again.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:13

May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones.

Jesus' first Advent was part of the Father's eternal plan to save us:

- God places His Son under the authority of HIS LAW.

GALATIANS 4:4-5

When the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

- As fully God, Jesus becomes fully HUMAN to bring heaven to earth.

COLOSSIANS 2:9

In Christ, all the fullness of God dwells in bodily form.

- Jesus creates a "HAPPY EXCHANGE" to gift us with Father's love.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.