HAPPY ADVENT FROM SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



ADVENT WEEK 1 - HOPE

Reading And Candle Lighting -Kris and Gary Maille

Todays Sermon Scriptures = Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 1:26-38 (NLT)

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

About 700 Years Later The Angel Appears To Mary To Fulfill This Isaiah Prophecy

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" 29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" 34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

Hope Finally Arrives In Israel In The Form Of Israels Messiah And The Worlds Savior

2 Points About Christmas Hope In Everyday Life

1 - Hope Deferred - Proverbs 13:12 - Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of
life. Another alternative version says it this way = It is sad not to get what you hoped for. But wishes that come
true are like eating fruit from the tree of life.
2 - The God of Hope - Romans 15:13 - May the <u>God of hope</u> fill you with all joy and peace <u>as you trust</u> in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Notes:

Additional Scriptures From Todays Message

Hebrews 9:27 - After a persons life there is the judgement.

John 3:16-18 - God so loves the world, he gave the greatest gift ever given to them in Jesus.