

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Christmas Hope & Promise

What is the reason for Christmas?

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Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

- Without the incarnation, God's whole plan cannot work!

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The Messiah Promised:

- **Genesis 3:14-15**
- **Isaiah 7:14, 9:2 & 6**
- **Isaiah 60:1-2, Luke 2:8-14 & John 1:4-5**

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Some O.T. incarnation promises were not understood as including Him coming twice

- **Isaiah 9:6**, "And the government will be upon His shoulders."

- Thinking He would **subdue Rome**

- **Mark 10:35-40**, "Allow us to sit at Your right and at Your left in Your glory."

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Those who hoped for Him:

- **Mark 15:43** (Joseph of Arimathea)

- **Luke 2:25-26** (Simeon)

- **Luke 3:15** (Jews in general)

- **John 4:25** (Samaritan at the well)

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The Promise of More:

- **Colossians 1:3-6, 21-23 & 26-27**

- **Titus 2:13**

- **Hebrews 6:19**

- **I Peter 1:3-7**

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Why is the hope fulfilled of His coming so important?

We who have **His promised benefits** now, also have...

- *Forgiveness, cleansing and safety with God, and **also***
- *Possession of **the Hope of His Eternal Return!***

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*The promises which **we now own** on earth...*

- **Pale in comparison** to what will be ours **With Him...**
- **Then, and Forever!!!**

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Many of our **hoped for** promises will be fulfilled **After His Return!!!**

- *Lamenting His as yet unrealized promises (before) will...*
- **Rob us of Hope**
- **Burden us with frustration**

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Romans 8:18-25 & I Corinthians 2:9