

Expecting...

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE
JOHN 1:14

Introduction:

- Please turn in your Bibles to **Isaiah 7** (*page 572 in the pew Bibles*).
- The weeks leading up to Christmas are often called **Advent**.
- It's a season of expecting, and of hopeful anticipation.
- **Advent** is _____.
- Over the next few weeks, we'll be reflecting on four themes that summarize well what we're expecting because of Jesus Christ. Beginning with...

Hope

- Hope is more than optimism or _____.
- Biblical hope is _____.

We can have great hope in challenging _____.
(Isaiah 7:14, 8:17, 9:2)

Our hope is in _____, not _____.
(Isaiah 9:6-7)

Jesus Christ is our _____:

- Jesus is _____. (Matthew 1:23)
- Jesus _____. (1 John 5:13-15)
- Jesus is our _____ and _____.
(1 Peter 1:3-9)
- Jesus is our hope for _____. (Colossians 1:27)
- Jesus is the _____. (Hebrews 6:19-20)
- Jesus is our _____. (Titus 2:11-14)

Conclusion:

When we hope in Jesus Christ – we're _____.