

ADVENT

preparing for Christmas,

WELCOMING

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2. How has Christ welcomed you? When we talk about Advent, a lot of times we’re thinking about what it meant for us to welcome Christ into this world. Christmas is the arrival of Jesus into this world. But it’s not us welcoming him. — it’s him welcoming us.
3. Jesus’ arrival in Bethelhem, was God’s fulfilment of a promise he’d made years before. It was God, bringing his story together. Because God, in his perfection, sent Jesus to be born to earth, for God to become man — Jesus is the way that we can be welcomed to God again.
4. What does it mean to be welcomed by Christ?
 5. Welcome to the family. — Children of God
 6. Welcome to the new job. — Disciplemakers
 7. Welcome to the country. — Ambassadors
 8. Welcome to new life — Walking in the light

**What does it mean
to be welcomed
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The amazing thing is, Jesus' arrival is his invitation to Us. Come and join him. Because of his life and his sacrifice, it means he is welcoming us into his family.

INVITATION

We have the herald of the angels.

We have the star in the sky.

These miracles aren't just miracles for miracles sake. It's not just about God trying to show off.

It's about him saying, come and see, come and know, come and receive, come and believe.

WILL YOU RECEIVE?

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ROMANS 15:8-12

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

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ENDURANCE & ENCOURAGEMENT

Endurance — it is about persevering, strengthening, helping one another out —
in the battle against sin. in the battle against doubt. in the battle against our old live.

It's also in encouragement —
don't give up
press on towards the goal,
resist the devil

Welcoming one another means we are helping each other endure, and encourage ... and that's what gives us the harmony, and the one voice.

ONE VOICE of WORSHIP

not about the song —
but about the exultation of the heart as we see our brothers and sisters overcome, persist, perseverance.

That's rejoicing. Cheering each other on through the marathon they might be running through.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

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We aren't at war with each other — but we are a new humanity in Christ.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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