

Limitless Love

John 3:16

The Purpose of the First Advent was:

I. TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL – 1 John 3:8

- A. The Advent has been described as the invasion of human history by ONE who snatched the scepter from the usurper!
- B. The Person of the devil
- C. The Products of the devil are

II. TO PUT AWAY SIN – 1 John 3:5

- A. Definition of sins - The total of all acts of disobedience toward God. Thoughts, words, and deeds!
- B. Take away - to bear or lift the sin load

“The promise of the Advent was that of a coming One to lift sins” G. Campbell Morgan

III. TO REVEAL THE FATHER – John 14:9

- A. Man’s concept of God before Jesus came
- B. The arrival of Jesus provides a new occasion for a relationship with the Father

The Birth of Christ brought God to man; the Cross of Christ brought man to God!

The Purpose of the Second Advent is:

IV. TO ESTABLISH BY ANOTHER THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE WORLD – Hebrews 9:18

- A. The first Advent was to deal with the sin of mankind
- B. The second Advent is to declare victory

The Christ who came is still to come!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we

who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

James 5:7

"You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

1 Peter 1:13

"... be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

1 John 3:3

"And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

Jude 20

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

"It was this hope which more than anything gave its color to the primitive Christianity, its unworldliness, its moral intensity, its command of the future even in this life."

CONCLUSION

We stand today between the two Advents!
Let us go back to **John 3:16** once again in conclusion.

*For God – The Greatest Lover
So loved – The greatest degree
The world – the greatest company
That He gave – the greatest act
His only Son – the greatest gift
That whosoever – the greatest opportunity
Believeth – the greatest simplicity
In Him – the greatest attraction
Should not perish – the greatest promise
But – the greatest difference
Have – the greatest certainty
Everlasting life – the greatest possession – H. Kent Hughes, *Behold the Lamb*, p. 55.*

In His First Coming, Jesus **wore a crown of thorns**.
In His Second Coming, He will be **crowned with many crowns!**

As a result of the two advents, we are now **more than conquerors!** Romans 8:37