

# LIVING BY CHRIST'S ADVENT CALENDAR

## Hebrews 9:22-28

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### Hebrews 9 and Christ's 3 Advents

The context

The Problem with the sacrificial system

### Advent Past: "Has Appeared" (9:26)

We need Christ's first advent (Rom. 6:23, Heb. 9:27, 10:4)

Christ came to earth to be the ultimate sacrifice (Heb. 9:26)

### Advent Present: "Now to Appear" (9:24)

Where Christ is right now

What Christ is now doing "on our behalf" (1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14-16, 7:25)

### Advent Future: "Will Appear" (9:28)

Saving work: finished but not yet finalized (Phil. 2:10-11)

Living Forward to Christ's final advent (Titus 2:11-14)

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### Applying the Bible to Life

- We get excited about celebrating Christ's first advent (Christmas). How excited do you get about Christ's current and future advents?
- Think through how a thoughtful awareness of Christ's coming advent (the 2nd Coming) should change your daily living today. If you knew Jesus was returning this week, how would you live differently? Prayerfully read Titus 2:11-14 and ask God to help you find ways to apply it to your life.
- Find the lyrics to Joy to the World. It's not just about Christmas; it's also about Christ's 2nd Coming. Sing it with that advent in mind.