



Walking Through Advent!

Usually when you take a walk through a park, it is a relatively peaceful time. The same should be true when you walk through the season of Advent. You should also make it a peaceful time in your life. Walking through Advent is a time to walk and talk with Jesus in order to experience new revival and renewed spiritual understanding. *"Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse (Jesse was a king and father of King David), and a branch from his roots will bear fruit (Jesus Christ). The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—a Spirit of wisdom and understanding, a Spirit of counsel and strength, a Spirit of knowledge and of the fear (spiritual fear means honor, glory) of the Lord."* (Isaiah 11:-15)

Walking through Advent should be a new opportunity to hear God call your name and help you to discover or rediscover the many spiritual gifts God has given to you through Jesus Christ. Walking through Advent is the spiritual season of anticipation...of great joy and hope. Walking through Advent is also a reminder that there is more to come, that we are on a journey toward a new reality, a new way of being because of Jesus Christ.

Our walk-through Advent is moving us toward and with Jesus Christ. It is a time to surely start with our own experiences of waiting. Are you really waiting for the birth of Jesus as you walk through Advent or are you getting caught up in the commercial lure of your walk? Almighty God gives each of us many new opportunities and beginnings as we journey through Advent...and beyond. Therefore, *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."*

(I Peter 1:3)