

Advent – 2023
Colossians 1:24-29, 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
“Christ in You, the Hope of Glory”
December 3, 2023

Question of the Day:

What would you do if you were in the waiting room and your phone died?

Vocabulary to Remember...

יָכַח **Yakhal** - to wait for (to hope)

Example: Noah waiting for the flood waters to recede

קָוָה **Qavah** - (wait in) tension and expectation until something happens

Example: **Ps 130:5-7** Waiting for God.

*I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.*

*I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.*

*Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.*

ἐλπίς **Elpis** - hope

Psalms 39:7

“But now, Lord, what do I look for?
My hope is in you.

and now, O Lord, what else can I **qavah** for?
You are my **yakhal!**

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the

Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. - Colossians 1:24-29

putting **2 Corinthians 4:7-9** into perspective...

*But we have this **treasure in jars of clay** to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.*

Cultivate a habit of hope

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 resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, - 1 Peter 1:3

After Sermon Action Plan

What are some things that make you feel ugly?

What are some things that you need to let go of?

What are you waiting on God for?

Qavah on the Lord