

***Expectant waiting... (An Advent Meditation)***

There is much that we participate in, and shoulder responsibility for, as we prepare for the Kingdom to come and nurture the developing Kingdom within us.

**Advent:** *The “before time” of the coming...*

Tension and freedom coexisting. Hope and doubt mixing in a divine cocktail we dare to drink. Ecstasy and despair are the hors d’oeuvres we snack on before the wedding feast of the Lamb...

**We wait...**

We participate in the gestation of our hope; doing faithfully...the bidding of the King we so desperately wait for...and our hope grows...the first trimester and then a second...until we feel our bodies groaning, screaming for the Kingdom to be released; “COME LORD JESUS, COME!”

*Expectant waiting...*

**Advent:** The ***before time*** of the coming

Advent is our History... our heritage. Advent is our present. Advent is our hope of the promised future...The before time of the coming.

**...we wait**

Giddy and groaning, *we wait...*

Hope looking forward with great expectation; this is Advent.