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Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE "Rest In Christ's Holiness"

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Christians should hunger that is on the heart of God. God's desire is that Christians have His truths in their innermost being. (Psalm 51:6) That is a high standard to strive for.

Many is the time Satan has accused the Brethren. He reminds them that because they have failed in their service to the Lord and in their thoughts, they prove that they are not sanctified for the Lord's work. The compromises they make prevent them from sharing in God's purity, their labors for the Lord are in vain because of some inconsistency in their work for Him - just more of Satan's lies and accusations. The fact is Christians

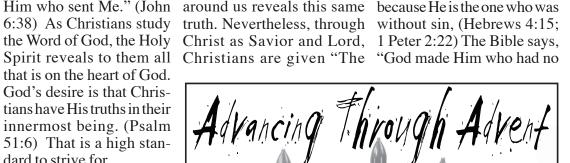
are a work still in progress. The sinful nature haunts them daily, the world view has powerful influence, and Satan is a great liar. However, the Holy Spirit convicts with the truths found in the Bible. He will lead Christians in taking refuge

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There are times when Chris- Great Commission." They sin to be sin for us, so that for the holiness of God as tians have as Isaiah did when also have the same assurance in Him we may become the they look to the only Person he received his commission Isaiah was given in his comthat lived on this earth who from the Lord, "...For I am a mission, "See, I have touched truly walked in the will of man of unclean lips and I live your lips, your guilt is taken God. Jesus Christ said, among a people of unclean away, your sin atoned for." "For I have come down lips." (Isaiah 6:5) To this day, from heaven not to do My a true Biblical examination will, but to do the will of of ourselves and the people ness of God through Christ Him who sent Me." (John around us reveals this same because Heistheone who was

(Isaiah 6:7)

Christians enjoy the holi-



n this season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, we celebrate an old truth, the coming of Christ. As we light a new candle on the traditional Advent wreath each week, we are reminded anew to prepare for the arrival of something momentous. Reflecting on an event that happened so long ago can reveal to us a new understanding of how to live our lives today. Prepare for Christmas in advance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Matthew	Psalm	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Revelation	Revelation	
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righteousness of God." (1 Corinthians 5:21)

As the children of God pursue holiness they will have to face accusation from the devil coming through different vessels. They will have to surrender to the Holy Spirit's conviction over thoughts of lust, resentment and pride. They will struggle with sin as the apostle Paul did. (Romans 7:7-25) They will also know the victory obtained through the Holy Spirit. Paul writes, "You, however, are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God is in you."

While growing in the holiness of God, Christians will at times become overwhelmed, it is in these times they must rest in Christ's holiness.

Jerry Bridges who works with The Christian Character Library shared of a time when he was struggling and fully aware of his failures to achieve God's perfect will for him. He found comfort in Christ's holiness and he would sing this stanza, "Just as I am with one plea, But thy blood shed for me, And Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come."

Rest in Christ as you strive to enjoy the holiness

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