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## Seasons

by Art Rader

I love the seasons - spring, summer, fall and winter. My favorite is probably fall perhaps, from my growing-up days on the farm. Fall marked the end of harvest and looked ahead to a time of rest.

I love other seasons too. Growing up and pastoring in a liturgical church, my devotional life was and is marked and helped by seasons of the church year. We don't observe those seasons so much in evangelical churches, but I think we should. Here's why - by the time you receive this, some parts of the Christian church family will be observing Advent, the season observed four weeks before Christmas. The word advent comes from the Latin *adventus* which means 'coming' or 'arrival.' It's the season before Christmas when the church prepares for the coming of the King of Kings.

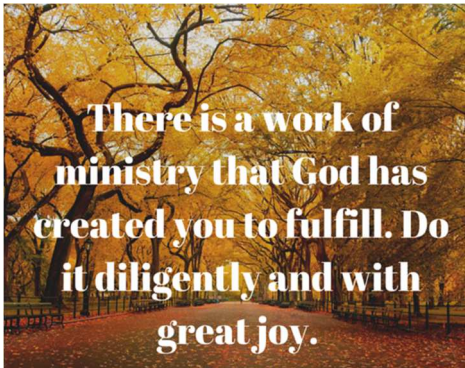
With the world so focused on shopping, gift-wrapping and partying, the Advent season can be a time for God's people to focus on the King's coming----by reading and meditating on Old Testament prophecies which talk of Christ's coming, by reading and meditating on the actual birth accounts of Jesus, and by praying one of the great old hymns of the church 'O Come, O Come Immanuel.'

While church year seasons are the inventions of man, they can help us focus on why we celebrate this season.

***O come, O come Immanuel.***

## Fulfill your ministry

by Cheryl Cannon



My friends, so precious, so like family to me, co-laborers, those for who love is fondly and deeply seeded in my heart. How grateful, I am to God for purposing to cultivate, to grow and to sprout us together around His beautiful family table and to join Him as He intercedes. (Col.4:11)

I plead with you, intentionally, tenderly, with heartfelt earnestness in my voice, I plead with you to “fulfill your ministry”. God’s call and gifting to each of us is as distinctively individual and uniquely

special as He has created us to be. I thank Him for the joy of receiving His invitation to share with you the work of ASK Network USA – the Bread and the Cup, worship and The Word, gathering, knocking, seeking, asking, partaking in the joy of obedience and the anointing of the Holy Spirit as He rests on us, with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord, that our delight is to fear Him and to do whatever He tells us. (2Tim.4:5; Col.4:17; Is.11:2-3)

He bids us to step into His beautiful procession of those gone before us and those who will follow, to spread the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. What great liberty we have to flourish in the originality His hands crafted each one of us with. Whatever He has specifically called you to and gifted you for, whatever, your ministry looks like ... fill it full. Fill it full with utter and complete dependence upon Him. Fill it full with love and devotion for Him and His Bride. Fill it full and pour it out - all that you have been entrusted with. Give yourself fully ... “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” -Luke 9:23. Full-fill your ministry, fulfill your ministry ... follow the Lamb. (2Cor.2:14; Col.4:12-13; Is.43:10; Rev.5:6-14,19:6-16)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>ASK Network International Gathering</b>	<b>Negev, Israel</b>	<b>Jan. 23-28, 2017</b>
<b>Canadian ASK Network Gathering</b>	<b>Ottawa, Canada</b>	<b>June 5-9, 2017</b>
<b>North America Continental Gathering</b>	<b>St. Augustine, FL</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>

## From for the Generations Team...

by Anne Doggett



Recently I spent some time in a very familiar verse, the passage of Ephesians 3:16-21, and right in the middle of this beautiful passage are these words: “that [we] may be able to comprehend with all the saints... the love of Christ which passes knowledge.”

I was provoked again by the phrase *with all the saints*, the community of believers that encompasses the generations, representative of every age, ethnicity, maturity and calling. How we need one another! When I am with the saints, I meditate better, pray better, sing better. And God meant it to be this way. There is a synchronizing of hearts and intent when we gather. The older ones bring wisdom, the middle agers stability, and the young ones—simplicity and zeal. I believe God means for us to join together for each one’s mutual benefit, and for the building of His kingdom, within His church and into the larger community of our cities and nations. Have you felt isolated? Perhaps marginalized? At odds with the culture around you? Get with a saint, at least one other, but three or more is even better. God has things He can show us, when we join our hearts, things beyond our knowledge, things that come to light only in the gatherings of the multi-generations of believers. Be encouraged, precious saints, that His insights, His truth, and indeed His prayers are greatly needed in this nation, and to build up our own hearts, for such a time as this.

*Wishing you a blessed and*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

From the fullness of his grace we have all received  
one blessing after another. JOHN 1:16

