

## December 4

### **John 1:6-9 (CEB)**

*A man named John was sent from God. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. <sup>8</sup> He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world.*

### *The Season of Advent*

Advent is one of my favorite seasons of the year. It is the anticipation, waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ and the celebration of Christmas. As we look at John 1:6-9, John the Baptist is not the source of God's light and neither are we, but rather a reflection. We reflect the light that Jesus Christ is the true light.

As I think about past Advent seasons, there are many items that take up time during this season that will likely not occur in 2020, depending on where you are in your season of life. Examples would be events for your children at school, annual events such as the Singing Christmas Tree, Christmas parties at work and annual events at our church and other churches throughout the season of Advent.

When there is change in our routines and schedules, it can knock us off balance and we do not respond well to this. It is my view that we have a choice: to view the glass as half full or half empty. Embracing the glass as half full means we are optimistic and the opposite of half full is half empty, which shows we are pessimistic. I choose to view the glass as half full which allows me to reflect the light from all of our blessings and to point others to the light of Christ. Please join me in this season of Advent to be the reflection of the light on the hill and to celebrate the upcoming birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

~ Bob Suddreth