

# The Christian Calendar & Church Year

## A Primer On The Church Year (Part I)

### Introduction

#### Advent

##### Topics:

- Meaning
- Purpose
- Role in the church

##### Questions for individual meditation:

*What is the role of a penitential season in the church? Why do we need them?*

*How does one "prepare" for a holiday?*

#### Christmas

##### Topics:

- Timing
- Importance in the church

##### Questions for individual meditation:

*In what sense could Christmas be considered less important than other holidays?*

*What should we focus on when we celebrate Christmas?*

*How has secular culture influenced our thinking about the Christmas holiday?*

#### Epiphany

##### Topics:

- Importance in the church
- Related holidays

##### Questions for individual meditation:

*In what sense is Epiphany more crucial than Christmas?*

*What might have led the early church to celebrate Epiphany with baptisms happen?*

*In what way is Epiphany still important in our time?*

#### Transfiguration

##### Topics:

- Location in the year
- Significance

##### Questions for individual meditation:

*How does Transfiguration demonstrate the divinity of Christ?*

*Is there any benefit to celebrating it in Epiphany or in Trinity?*

#### Closing