

THE LIGHT

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is also a personal light to you.

There are several benefits to light:

1. Light brings warmth.
2. Light brings beauty.
3. Light brings visibility or clarity.

God had to place the *sun* at precisely the right distance from the earth, so that we would not burn up or freeze.

Similarly, God placed His *Son* into the world.

The Bible does not say that we were once **in** darkness, it says that we **were** darkness, meaning the darkness was inside of us.

Ephesians 5:3 gives several examples of darkness; sexual immorality, impurity, greed, obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking.

Jesus Christ is the only one who can set us free from that type of darkness.

At the time when Jesus was born, there was deep darkness in the world.

At the time of Jesus' birth, most of mankind did not understand or comprehend what God was doing.

God is always shining a light into the darkness, but not everyone understands it.

Our response to Jesus, the light of the World, needs to be:

1. That we come into the light.
2. That we are exposed by the light.
3. That we reflect the light.

Seeing the light isn't enough, we have to come into the light.

If we come into the light of Christ, we can't help but change.

He will enable you to see things about yourself that you never saw before.

Nobody likes to be exposed, but it's the only way to get better.

Nothing that we have done, good or bad, is hidden from God.

The next time you are tempted to do some dark thing, remember that Jesus is watching.

God wants us to be exposed, not for condemnation, but rather so that He can save us.

Moses reflected the glory of God and the people were terrified of it.

An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, reflecting the glory of God, and they were terrified.

In this world, many people live for their own glory.

It's about them, what they want to do, what they get, what they don't get, about them having their own way, about their self-fulfillment.

When Jesus came, it was to serve, not to **be** served.

He reflected the glory of God His Father.

We, as children of the light, also need to reflect that same glory.

If we don't, the people of the world will never see and understand how dark their hearts are.

The world must see the light of Jesus Christ.

They must see the light of His glory reflecting in our lives.

People don't realize how dark it is until you turn on the light.

We must turn the light on in our lives so that we can reflect Jesus to those around us.

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SCRIPTURE LIST

John 8:12

Isaiah 9:2

John 3:17

Ephesians 5:8

John 1:4-5

Exodus 33

Ephesians 5:3

Psalms 103:13-14

Luke 2:9

Matthew 1:23

John 3:19-21

John 12:32