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## **Shining In The Darkness**

**Isaiah 60:1-3** - *“Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the LORD rises to shine on you. <sup>2</sup> Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the LORD rises and appears over you. <sup>3</sup> All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance.*

### **God Alone Will Bring Forth A Messiah**

**Isaiah 59:9** - *So there is no justice among us, and we know nothing about right living. We look for light but find only darkness. We look for bright skies but walk in gloom.*

### **This Light Will Be A Life Empowered By The Spirit Of God**

### **The Only Hope For Mankind Is The “Coming” Of God**

**Luke 2:29-32** – *“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. <sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared for all people. <sup>32</sup> He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”*

### **Jesus, The Eternal Light Broke Into A Spiritually Dark World**

#### **1. Darkness Points To Human Ignorance**

**Ephesians 4:17-18** - *...Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. <sup>18</sup> Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.*

#### **2. Darkness Implies A Conscious Unbelief**

**John 1:10-11** - *He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.*

**John 8:12** - *“...I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”*

### **He’s The Light For The Whole World**

**Matthew 5:14-16** - *You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

### **The Light Speaks Of Our Lives As Followers Of Jesus**

**Isaiah 60:3** - *All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance.*

- 1. Sharing Of Our Faith**
- 2. Taking Light To Dark Places**
- 3. Being The Church God Intended**
- 4. Daily Surrendering To The Lord**