

John 1:4-5

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

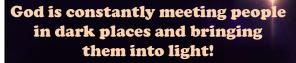
|saíah 42:7

"...to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

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God replaces darkness with light!

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God called **Abram** in the dark, in Ur... and on a starry night and gave him an eternal purpose!

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He took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars - if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

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Jesus met with **Nicodemus** in the dark and set him on a course toward life!

### John 3

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night...

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Jesus calls **Lazarus** forth from the darkness of death & the grave...

John 11:43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" Jesus met the **Samaritan woman** at the well in her "darkness" and brought her to "light!"

### John 4

"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

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The turning point of history... the betrayal of **Judas** occurred at night!

John 13:30 "As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night."

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Peter denies Jesus at night, by a fire...

Luke 22:60 Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!"

#### But is restored in the morning light!

John 21:4 - Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus met **Saul** on the road at mid-day, a man righteous in himself yet blind to truth

### Acts 9:3-4

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

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# Jesus met **Saul** on the road at mid-day, a man righteous in himself yet blind to truth

### Acts 9:5

"And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.""

"Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing..." (v8)

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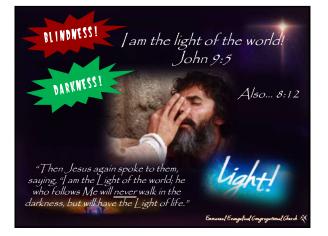




...While | am in the world, | am the light of the world. After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.







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"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoders and recovery of sight for the blod, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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2 Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who said, Let light shine out of

darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the <u>light of the knowledge of</u> God's glory displayed in the face of Christ."

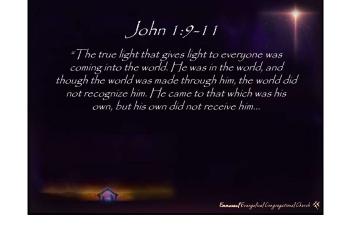


### Colossíans 1:13

"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."

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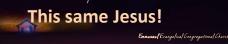


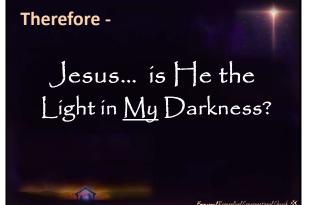
"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; upon those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

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|saíah 9:6-7

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.





### **Therefore -**

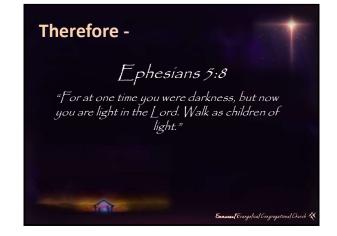
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John 1:12-14

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

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## Revelation 21:3-6

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and <u>God himself will ever be with them</u> and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be <u>nevermore</u> be death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

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