

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (Isa. 9:2,6,7; John 1:4,5; John 8:12)

Isa. 9:2: (KJV) The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. (NASB): The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

Isa. 9:6 tells us the NAME of that Light – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. So we know Isaiah is prophesying about Christ. Matt. 4:13-16 tells us that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.

Isa. 60:1, 2: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

The darkness Jesus and the prophets were talking about was _____.
Rom. 1:21 – talks about a generation who chose not to honor God as God, and their hearts were darkened.
John 3:19,20 – people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
Rom. 13:12 – let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.
II Cor. 6:4 – what fellowship does light have with darkness?

Let's look at what light does for us.

1. Dispels _____

Christ came to bring you out of darkness into his marvelous light! (I Peter 2:9)

2. Light reveals _____ –John 12:35 – “Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.”

Christ came to show us the hindrances in our lives.

3. Light shows the _____ . It's not enough to point out the problems – as the light of the world Christ says – “this is the way out!” John 12:46 – “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”

4. Brings _____

John 1:4,5 In him was life; and the **life was the light** of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 8:12 - Then Jesus spoke again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have **the light of life**.

John said of Jesus – The light shined in the darkness.
But remember Jesus said, Matt. 5:14 – “you are the light of the world”.

INTO WHOSE LIFE WILL YOU SHINE THIS WEEK?

