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Part of Lights of Christmas
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Message: Great Light

Series: Lights of Christmas

Isaiah 8:20-22 (NLT)

20 Look to God's instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark.

21 They will go from one place to another, weary and hungry. And because they are hungry, they will rage and curse their king and their God. They will look up to heaven

22 and down at the earth, but wherever they look, there will be trouble and anguish and dark despair. They will be thrown out into the darkness.

- You're either living for GOD, or you are living in DARKNESS

Genesis 1:1-4 (NLT)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.

- In the BEGINNING God gave us light.

John 1:1-5 (NLT)

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

- In the NEW beginning, God gave us light.
- Jesus' life brought light to EVERYONE

Isaiah 9:2 (NLT)

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT)

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

- Jesus is the GREAT LIGHT of Christmas.
 - To be without light = without HOPE
 - With Jesus (the Great Light) = GREAT HOPE

The Great Light of Christmas will be called:

- WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
- MIGHTY GOD
- EVERLASTING FATHER
- PRINCE OF PEACE