



**Light of the World - Part 4 - Christmas @ Epic
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In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- John 1:4-5

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. - Luke 2:11

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" ⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?" - John 14:6-9

FIVE PICTURES OF GOD

1) A TELESCOPE.

- God isn't PERSONAL.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. - Luke 2:12

2) A HIGH WALL.

- God isn't ACCESSIBLE.

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.
- Acts 17:27

3) A GARBAGE DUMP.

- God doesn't WANT ME.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

4) A STAIRWAY OF GOOD WORKS.

- God REQUIRES a lot from me.

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." - John 6:28-29

5) A DOOR.

- A TRUE picture of God.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. - Revelation 3:20

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