



# Light of the World

## Light of the World Series

### Part 2

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Isaiah 9:1-7, “But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you

have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word Today, in Jesus Name, Amen...

Last Sunday, we began our Christmas season series here at The Assembly with our new series entitled, “Light of the World!” During which we highlighted how the Light illuminates the darkness of men’s hearts to draw them unto repentance, how the light empowers us to walk in the light and not be trapped in darkness as well as how we should be willing to let our light shine in the darkness of the world around us! Church, the Light of the World wields the power to change the World and it begins with us letting said light shine forth!

As I stated last Sunday, this light was more than just a miracle; this light was the very son of God. In Isaiah chapter 9, the Text states that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Those who walked in darkness will see a great light and the land of deep darkness shall be illuminated with the light of life. This prophetic utterance was pronounced somewhere in the time frame of 740-701B.C.; some 700 years before Christ would be born of the virgin womb of Mary.

You see, this light that Isaiah prophetically spoke about was made manifest through Christ, the very Word of God made flesh which is what the Apostle John was speaking of in The Gospel of Saint John Chapter 1!

Thus, as in reference of what we discussed last Sunday, today I want to take a closer look at how this Light not only has the power to change others through us but also how this light wields the power to change us from the inside out. Therefore, Point #1...

## **1. The Light of Christ is my Security when I am Overcome with Anxiety and Fear!**

- a. Church, there is not one person alive who has not felt the burden of anxiety and the sting of fear. It is something that we have all bore in our mind, heart and emotions.

- b. The Book of Job gives us insight into the truth in Job 14:1-2, “Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. <sup>2</sup>He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not.”
- c. The weight of truth found in this Scripture becomes all the more real to us when we realize that the Book of Job is one of the oldest recorded texts contained within the Biblical compilation. Dear hearts, LIFE IS HARD. No matter the station of life, abundance or lack thereof; life is simply hard. Our lives individually are difficult enough and when you add the difficulty of other people’s difficulties into the equation, it can become a tight rope walk of Fear and Faith. But when Fear knocks on the door, Faith should be the one who answers...
- d. King David provides some tremendous encouragement to us found in Psalm 27:1, “Of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”
- e. Christian! We have a Light! We have a Salvation! We have a stronghold! Though we may battle fear, we have the faith to stand unafraid! Church family, He is Faithful!

- f. Dear Hearts, God is Faithful. God is Faithful when you're tired. God is Faithful when you want to quit. God is Faithful when the mountains tops of life are experienced. God is Faithful when the valleys become more than we can bare. God is Faithful when we rejoice and He is Faithful when we weep. God is Faithful no matter what we face, whether it be good or the bad, because God is Faithful. So rest today in two simple truths: God Is Faithful and God Is Good.
- g. Remember what Isaiah declared about the Lord in Isaiah 58:8, **“Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.”**
- h. Church, Christ is not only guiding us; He is guarding us while He guides. Remember today, the Glory of God not only blesses us but the Glory of God protects us as well!
- i. The Psalmist declares in Psalm 34:19, **“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”**
- j. Remember, The Light of Christ is my Security when I am Overcome with Anxiety and Fear and He delivers me from myself!
- k. Point #2...



## 2. The Light of Christ is my Strength to Stand when my Flesh is Weak!

- a. Brethren, we are all broken and undone apart from Christ; we all face times and seasons of life when our flesh is weak and our hearts are riven with fear but let me remind you today that Christ is the strength of our lives!
- b. The Psalmist declared in Psalm 73:26, **“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”**
- c. And family, when our flesh fails and our hearts shatter, may we remember that it is His Strength that empowers our hearts and is our portion of provision until He calls us home!
- d. Therefore may we all commit to the calling of Christ to live as children of the day and not of the night! Paul spoke of this very matter found in 1 Thessalonians 5:5
- e. 1 Thessalonians 5:5, **“For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.”**
- f. Thus may choose daily to live as children of God and not as those who live according to the flesh! May the Father be the strength of our hearts collectively and be our portion forever! Amen!
- g. Remember, The Light of Christ is my Strength to Stand when my Flesh is Weak because He is my Strength and my portion forever!

h. In closing, Point #3...

### 3. The Light of Christ is my Guide when I have Seemed to Have Lost my Way and Wields the Power to Light my way Home!

- a. Beloved, it is His light; the very light of Christ that wields the power within itself to guide a wayward and broken humanity back home!
- b. The Psalmist declared in Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- c. Notice the lamp is for our next step and the light is to point us in the right direction on the old gospel path!
- d. The great prophet to the Nation of Israel, Isaiah spoke of this light in Isaiah 42:16, “And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.”
- e. And church, we can trust His light; we can trust His Word! We can trust His guiding hands! We can trust the Light that Christ brings because when I have seemed to have lost my way, His Light has the power to guide me back home!

- f. Remember, The Light of Christ is my Guide and Wields the Power to Light my way Home!
- g. May this old hymn be the cry of our hearts today! I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back! The World behind me, the Cross before me; no turning back, no turning back!