

# TWO RESPONSES TO THE LIGHT

A Journey from Darkness to Eternity.

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# Light exposes reality exactly as it is.



## The Gift

Light reveals, guides, warms, protects, and gives life.  
Without it, we stumble and cannot see reality.

**Let there be light** — Genesis 1:3



## The Ultimatum

Throughout Scripture, humanity is faced with only  
two possible responses to encountering true light:

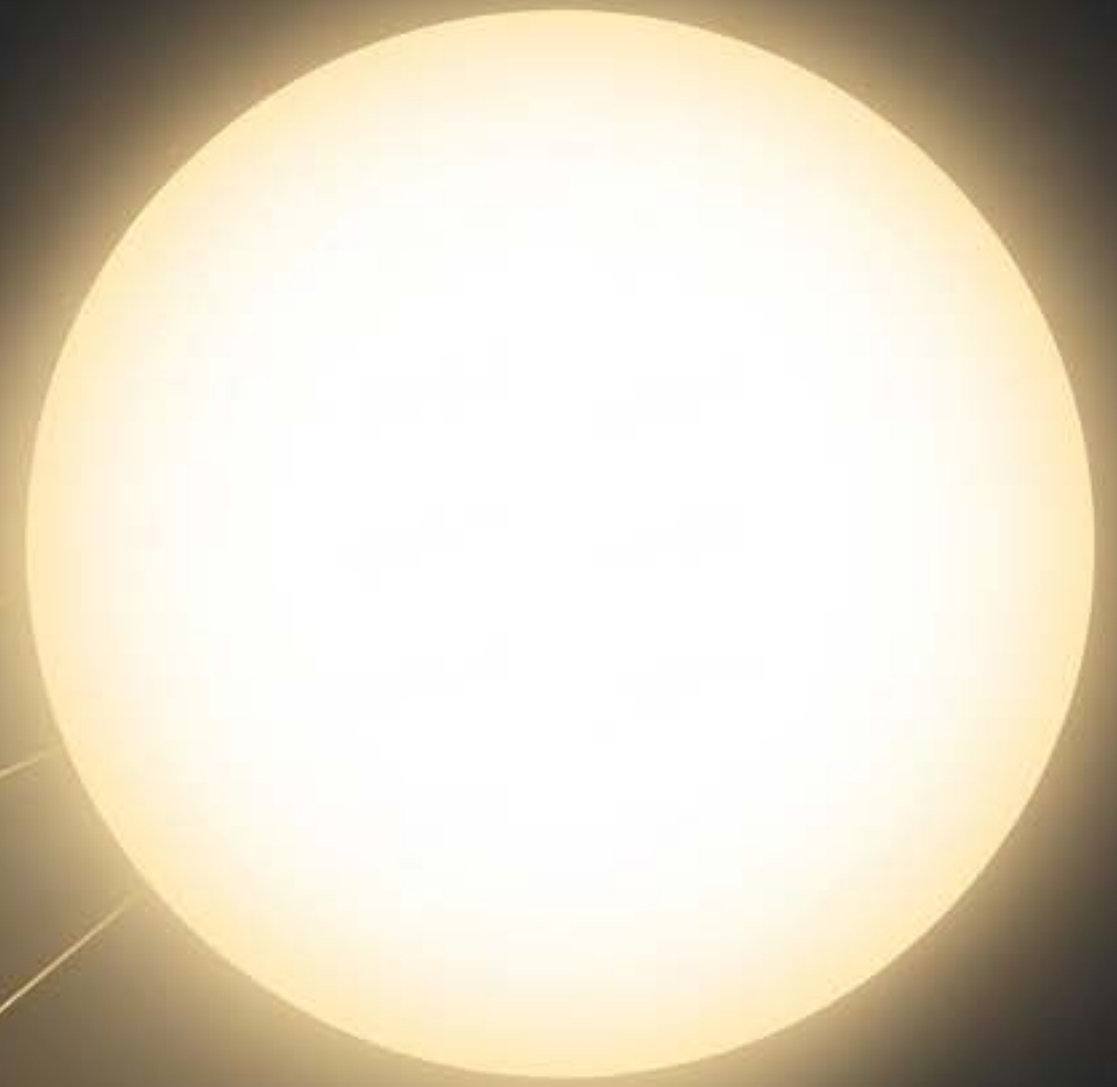
**Receive it or Reject it.**

# The Source: God is light in His very nature.

**Absolute Purity:** He contains no  
ignorance, sin, or deception.

**Unapproachable Holiness:** Sinful mankind  
cannot stand before Him on merit.

**Clothed in Splendor:** Physical light is  
merely a faint reflection of His glory.



God is not merely the giver of light; He is light itself. — A. W. Tozer



# **The Shining: The eternal Son steps into the dark world.**

**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows  
me will not walk in darkness.**

## **His Mission:**

- To Reveal God.
- To Expose Sin.
- To Provide Salvation.

## **The Divide:**

The light sparked division. Many received Him. Others rejected Him, preferring darkness to conceal their evil works.

The variable is never the light; the variable is the heart.

## The Flashlight Effect

Behavioral psychology comparison



### Treasure Hunter

Seeks the light to find what is lost.



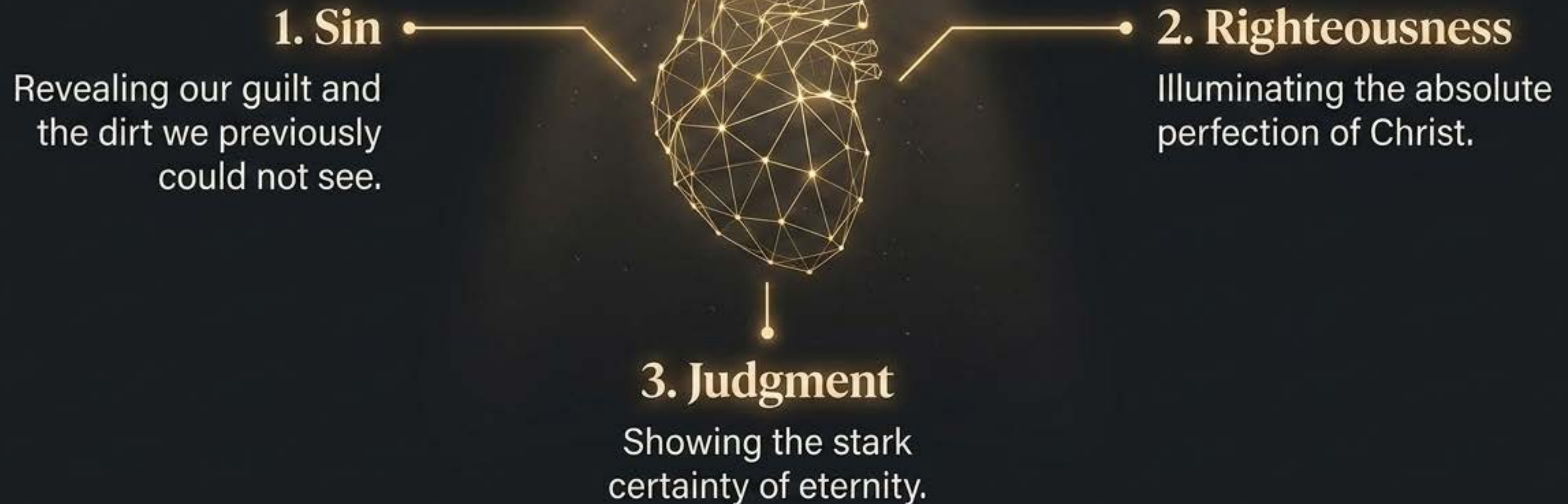
### Thief

Fades into the dark to hide what is stolen.

When a flashlight switches on in a dark room, reactions differ based on intent. The issue with rejecting Christ is not a lack of evidence, but a love for what the darkness conceals.

The same sun that melts the wax hardens the clay. — Charles Spurgeon

# The Summons: The Holy Spirit shines the spotlight inward.



# Conviction forces a directional choice.

## The Path of Receiving (Moving Toward Light)

**Action:** Confess sin, repent, and receive Christ as Savior.

**Analogy:** The patient who accepts the painful diagnosis and receives the cure.

**Outcome:** Transferred from darkness to light.

## The Path of Rejecting (Moving Away from Light)

**Action:** Harden the heart, postpone the decision, or turn away entirely.

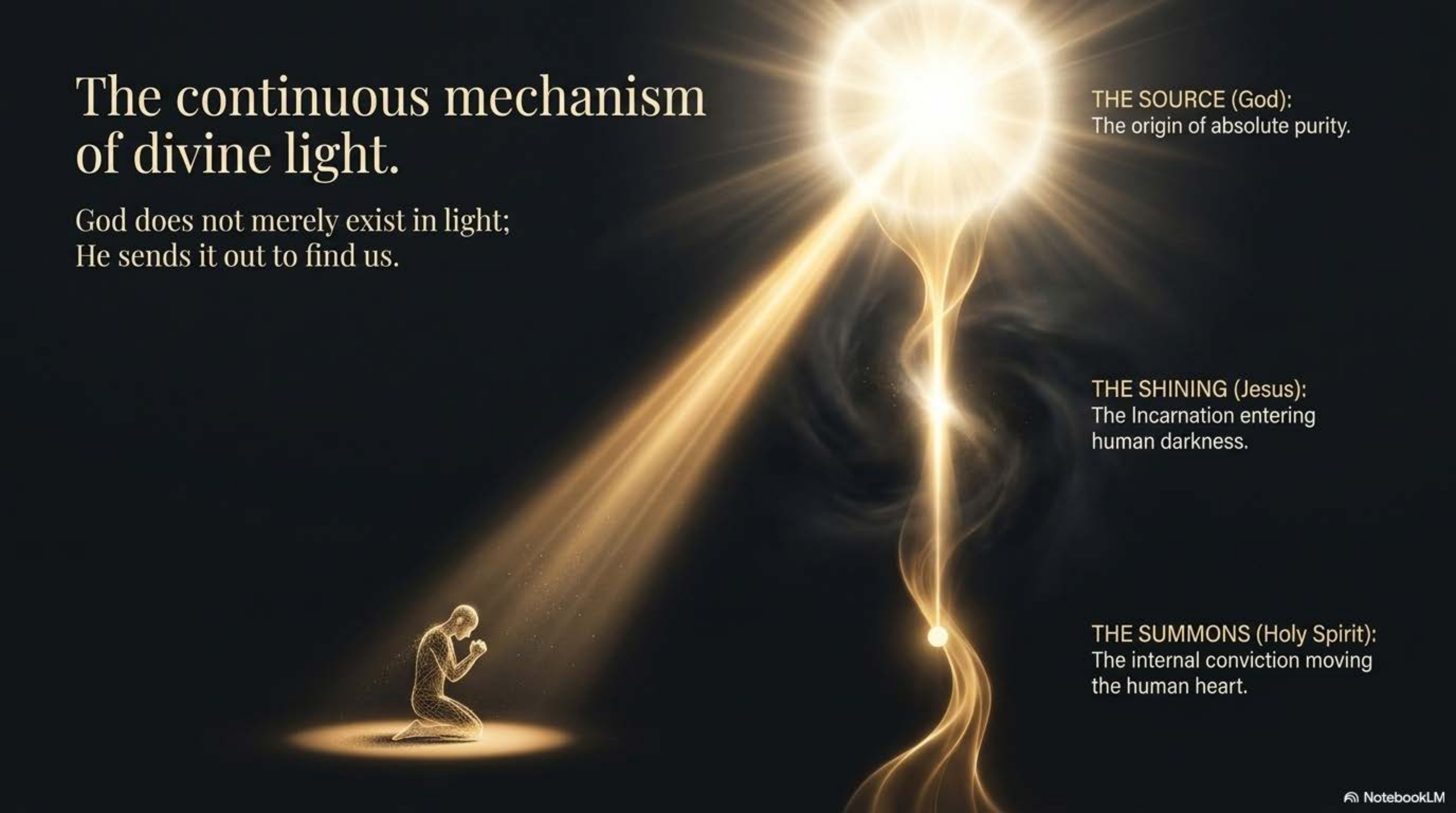
**Analogy:** The patient who denies the illness and refuses life-saving treatment.

**Outcome:** Condemned by a preference for the dark.

There is none so blind as those who refuse to see. — Traditional Proverb

# The continuous mechanism of divine light.

God does not merely exist in light;  
He sends it out to find us.



**THE SOURCE (God):**  
The origin of absolute purity.

**THE SHINING (Jesus):**  
The Incarnation entering  
human darkness.

**THE SUMMONS (Holy Spirit):**  
The internal conviction moving  
the human heart.

# We are trapped in darkness, incapable of self-rescue.

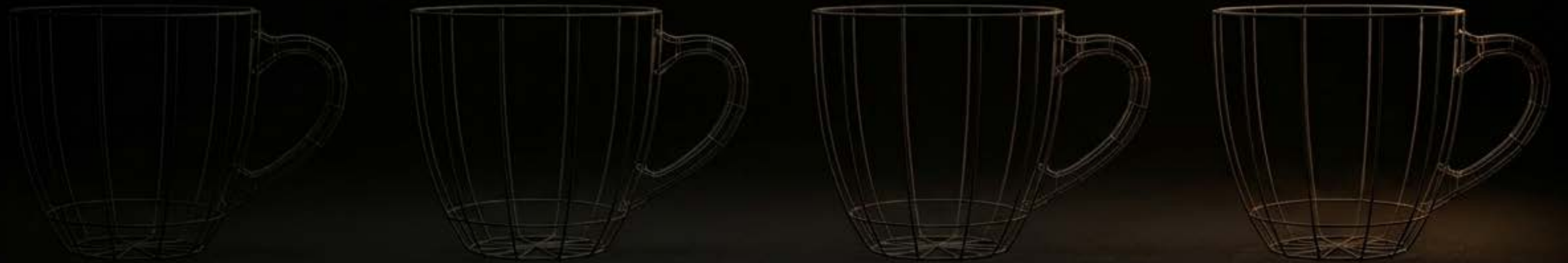


In 2018, twelve boys were trapped deep inside a flooded Thai cave. They sat in absolute darkness for days, unable to find their own way out. When rescue divers finally arrived, they brought the first evidence of hope: Light.

- 1. The light revealed hope.
- 2. The light revealed the rescuers.
- 3. The light revealed the way to safety.

Like those boys, we cannot rescue ourselves.  
We must trust the Rescuer and follow His light out.

# The Cup of Life: A framework for the human condition.



Picture a single cup. It represents a human life—your life. Confronted with the light of the Holy Spirit, this cup can only exist in one of four positions. Which one represents you today?

# Positions 1 & 2: Closed to the Light

Position 1: PURE  
(Created, but Inverted)



Every person is created pure and valuable. But physics dictates that a cup turned upside down physically cannot receive what it was designed to hold.

Position 2: SAD  
(Convicted, but Hiding)



The spotlight reveals the dirt. Instead of turning, the cup hides under a cloth. It tries to clean the outside, but the inside remains closed off.

# Position 3: The Turning



## **Position 3: NEW** (Open & Cleansed)

Repentance is not merely feeling guilty; it is a fundamental physical change of direction. The cup is no longer facing away from God. Because it has turned, it can now be cleansed, opened, and filled.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

# Position 4: The Messy Believer



## **Position 4: MESSY**

(Upright, needing renewal)

The cup remains upright. It still belongs to the Master and is positioned to receive. But the journey of life stains the outside.

**The Remedy:** This is not a loss of salvation. The answer is not to turn the cup upside down again. The answer is simply to bring it back into the light for fresh cleansing.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:9*

# How to turn the cup: The ABCs of Salvation



## **A – Admit & Ask**

Admit that you are a sinner and Ask Him to forgive you.



## **B – Believe**

Believe that Jesus died and rose again for you. Trust Him to save you.



## **C – Confess & Commit**

Confess Jesus as Lord and Commit yourself to follow Him.

# The destination of the light is eternal life.

For believers, the journey from darkness ends  
in a city filled with everlasting light. No night.  
No darkness. No fear. No sorrow. No sin.

**And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine  
on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its  
lamp is the Lamb. — Revelation 21:23**