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# The Light of the World

Is. 49:6; Luke 2:32

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- “Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness” -*Anne Frank*
- “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that...” -*Martin Luther King*
- “The darkness declares the glory of light” -*T.S. Eliot*
- “Let there be light” -*God*
- “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” -*John 1:5*

# Luke 2:25-35



- *“A light of revelation to the Gentiles”* -Simeon
  - \* Received Jesus as a GIFT from God
  - \* Recognized Jesus as the rescuing MESSIAH
  - \* Realized what Jesus would do

Isaiah 49:6

# John 8:12



- *“I am the light of the world”* - Jesus

\*ILLUMINATED who God is, what He is like

\*Angry/Wrathful?

\*Distant/Disconnected?

\*Legalistic/Rules Police?

\*Irrelevant/Out-of-touch?

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- **Salvation Is offered to all people in all places for all time**
  - \*But 'offered' does NOT mean 'received'
  - \*Some will receive it, some will reject it.

**(Mark 16:15-16; Gal. 3:22; 1 Ti. 1:16; 1 Pe. 2:7)**

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- To those who receive Him, Jesus offers to be our light!
  - \*How to live in relationship to ourselves/others
  - \*How to live in relationship with God

John 1:1-18



**What is YOUR  
response to the offer?**