



CELEBRATE SERIES
Part Three: "Celebrate Jesus the Light"

"Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadows death, and to guide us to the path of peace." Luke 1:78-79 (NLT)

Today we celebrate the light that _____ of our lives.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS BROUGHT LIGHT

"Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has MADE THIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. 4:4, 6, (NLT)

"I AM THE LIGHT that shines through the cosmos; IF YOU WALK WITH ME, YOU WILL THRIVE IN THE NOURISHING LIGHT that gives life and will not know darkness." John 8:12 (TVT)

WE CELEBRATE THE LIGHT BECAUSE...

1. The light _____ where we are

"My enemies, don't be glad because of my troubles! I may have fallen, but I will get up; I MAY BE SITTING IN THE DARK, BUT THE LORD IS MY LIGHT." Micah 7:8 (CEV)

2. The light _____ those who embrace it

"God's light came into the world, but PEOPLE LOVED THE DARKNESS MORE THAN THE LIGHT, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right COME TO THE LIGHT so others can see that they are doing what God wants." John 3:19-21 (NLT)

LIGHT (Cont'd)

We must make a _____
to the light God provides.

"For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might FIND SALVATION AND BE MADE SAFE AND SOUND through Him." John 3:17 (AMP)

3. The light shines through us to _____

"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—so shine!" Matthew 5:14-15 (MSG)

Once the light is in us, it needs to shine _____.

The prophet Isaiah said, "...Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you. All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance." Isaiah 60:2-3, (NLT)

LORD JESUS, I invite Your light to dawn in my heart, into every dark place. I welcome all of the good things that come from Your light. Help me not to be afraid of your light. I confess that Jesus is Lord of my heart today, and that He is guiding me into the path of peace! In Your Name, AMEN

GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN GROW GROUPS

Open Up: Describe the different qualities of darkness and light.

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What make people love darkness? How can we change that?

Pray Together: Pray for each other to walk in the light of Christ each day.



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