

Sunday, December 11, 2011

## **THE 'LIGHT' OF CHRISTMAS!**

"God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."; The first act of creation was "Let there be light!";  
Jesus said, "I am the light of the world!"

John 1—"Before anything else existed there was Christ with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything. Eternal life was in him and this life gives light to all mankind. His light is the light that shines through the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it!"

### **L – Jesus came to LIGHT up our minds and let us know what God is all about.**

"Understanding God's Word brings light to the minds of ordinary people!"

"Satan blinds the minds of people so they cannot see the light, which is the good news about Christ, who shows us what God is like."

John 12—"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark."

Jesus: "Anybody who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14)

God likes variety...God is very organized...God is very powerful...

There are some things about God we would never have known without Jesus coming to earth 2,000 years ago to tell us!

Colossians 1—"Christ is the invisible image of the visible God."

### **I – INFORM us that God has a plan and a purpose for our lives.**

Jesus: "I came into the world to tell people the truth!"

"God's secret plan has not been revealed to us. It is a plan centered on Christ, designed long ago...And this is His plan: At the right time, God will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and earth..."

"Because of Christ, we have received an inheritance from God for He chose us from the beginning, and all things happen just as He decided long ago."

"God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us."

Paul: "When I think of the wisdom of the scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father!"

### **G – He came to GUARD and GUIDE our steps.**

John 8—"I'm the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness for living light will flood your path."

We need to turn on the switch that turns on God's light in our life—it's called FAITH!

"The Light makes all things easy to see!"

### **H – I came to HEAL your hurts!**

John 12—"I did not come to judge the world, but to save it!"

"I bring you tidings of great joy for unto you is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

Psalms 103—"He forgives all my sins and He heals me!"

"For unto you a SAVIOR is born!"

God can't save you until you stop trying to save yourself! You need to stop 'trying' and start 'trusting'!

Jesus didn't come to give us 'religion'—He came to give us a relationship with God!

### **T – He came to TRANSFORM our lives!**

John 10—"I came to give life in all its fullness!"

Jesus came to give NEW LIFE...Jesus came to give ABUNDANT LIFE...Jesus came to give ETERNAL LIFE...

Jesus came to take care of our past, our present, and our future!

"The darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of Christ shines in."

“When anyone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He’s not the same anymore. A new life has begun.”