

The Real Lights of Christmas

Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is Himself God. He created everything. Eternal life is in Him, and this life gives LIGHT to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness—and the darkness can never extinguish it.

John 1:1-5

Jesus came to shine the light on ...

1. **A personal God**

"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 darkness."

John 12:46

"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

John 14:9-10

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1:15

2. **The secret plans of God**

"I came into the world to tell people the truth."

John 18:37

God's secret plan has now 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 on earth. Furthermore, 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.

Ephesians 1:9-11

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

Romans 5:8

When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father.

Ephesians 3:14

3. God's path for my life

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path."

John 8:12

The light makes all things easy to see.

Ephesians 5:13

4. God's purpose in all things

He forgives all my sins and He heals me.

Psalms 103:3

"I came to give life - life in all its fullness."

John 10:10

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

1 John 2:8