

The Miracle of New Birth – Jesus Gives Light to Those in Darkness

Luke 1:76-79

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation of His people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise will visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Problem of Darkness

- The world sits in darkness.
- ... to give light to those who sit in darkness...

Lk. 1:79

Literal Physical Darkness

- 9th plague upon Egypt
 - 3 hrs. when Jesus was on the cross
 - 2nd coming (Matt. 24:29)
- sun grows dark

Spiritual Darkness

- Ignorance of God and His truth (Ps. 82:5) (Jn. 12:35)
- Hatred- (1 Jn. 2:11)
- Lifestyle of sin (Jn. 3:19)
- The realm of Satan (Lk. 22:53; Eph. 6:12)

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. Eph. 4:18

“sit” – abide; reside; position of condition

To open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. Isa. 42:7

- The world chooses darkness

The light has come into the world and the people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. Jn. 3:19

“evil” – worthless; foolish; no merit or benefit; vain
... who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk
in the ways of darkness. Prov. 2:13

A virgin birth I can believe but finding three wise men?

-The world sits in the shadow of death.
... and in the shadow of death. Lk. 1:79

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers. Ps. 1:1

The wages of sin is death... Rom. 6:23

The Cycle of a Nation

1. Bondage
2. Faith
3. Courage to stand up
4. Liberty
5. Abundance
6. Selfishness
7. Complacency
8. Apathy
9. Dependency
10. Bondage!

And then the Light Came...

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined. Isa. 9:2

1. Jesus is the bright morning star.

I am... the bright morning star. Rev. 22:16

... until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 2 Pet. 1:19

The brightest star ever found in the universe. The mass of the star is roughly 265 times that of our sun. The brightness of this star is some 10 million times greater than the light coming from our sun!

2. Jesus is the sunrise.

... because of the tender mercy of our God whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high. Lk. 1:78

But for you who fear My Name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings... Mal. 4:2

... darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 1 Jn. 2:8

3. Jesus is the Light of the world.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Jn. 1:5

The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world. Jn. 1:9

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world." Jn. 8:12

"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." Anne Frank
Therefore, through faith... whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. Jn. 12:46

. Jesus brings us into the light.

... for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the the Lord... Eph. 5:8

In your light, do we see light. Ps. 36:9

. Jesus helps us walk in the light.

Come let us walk in the light of the Lord. Isa. 2:5

Walk as children of the light. Eph. 5:8b

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps. 119:105

"Be My Eyes"

Video Chat connecting the blind with the seeing.

Ex. – Could you tell me the expiration date on my milk?

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound...

I once was blind but now I see!

. Jesus wants us to share the light with the world.

I will make you as light for the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Isa. 49:6

You are the light of the world. Matt. 5:14

For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6