

Lighten Up Your Christmas - Week 1

God is light and He loves to lighten up every aspect of our lives. *1 John 1:5; Genesis 1:1-5; Genesis 1:16-19; Isaiah 9:2-4; Isaiah 9:6-7; Galatians 4:4; Luke 2:8-14*

The glorious light show the shepherds saw was surpassed by the even more glorious light Jesus radiated as He lived among us! *John 1:14; John 1:4-5; Colossians 1:15,19-20; Hebrews 1:3*

Turning the Light On Jesus: Jesus' miracles illuminate the very heart God has for us and enlighten us about what Jesus still wants to do. *John 5:1-17*

1) Jesus came to lift up our lives from the helplessness and hopelessness that often controls our lives. *John 5:6-9*

Even if Jesus doesn't change our circumstances, He changes us so we can overcome what has demoralized or defeated us. *2 Corinthians 12:7b-10; Philippians 4:13*

2) Jesus came to lighten up our lives from living to please others. His love frees us from the fear of man and the slavery to man-made religion. *John 5:9b-13; John 5:39-43*

Religion is man's attempt to please God. Grace is God reaching down to man freely giving him what he doesn't deserve. Every religion boils down to one word...do! Christianity boils down to one word...done! *John 19:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9*

Jesus came and got done everything we needed so we could come to Him and not be undone by the worries and weariness of life. *Matthew 11:28-30*

3) Jesus also came to light up our lives with wise guidance so we could live the best life possible. *John 5:14-15; John 8:12; Psalm 32:8*

Isn't it time to let Jesus lighten up your life?

Life Application Questions:

1. Do you love the lights of Christmas? Share your favorite place to experience them. Do you think of Jesus as light and always wanting to give us light? What does it mean to you that He was fully God and fully man?
2. Review the miracle we studied. What aspect of this miracle touches you the most? How do you need Jesus to lift up, lighten up or light up your life today?