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The Day God Screamed; "Lighten Up"

(God Came So That Where There Is Night There Is Light)

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"Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is--nothing exists that he didn't make. 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)

THE MYTHS OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Is For **Children**.

Christmas Is For **Pretending**.

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

The Light Is Shining In The Darkness **Culturally**.

"Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."
(1 Kings 19:18 NIV)

The Light Is Shining In The Darkness **Morally**.

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe." (Philippians 2:12-15 NIV)

The Light Is Shining In The Darkness **Personally**.

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

"but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has **brought life and immortality to light** through the gospel." (2 Tim 1:10)

LIGHTEN UP BECAUSE . . .

The Light Of God's **Love** Will Never Go Out.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. *His love endures forever.* Give thanks to the God of gods. *His love endures forever.* Give thanks to the Lord of lords: *His love endures forever.* To him who alone does great wonders, *His love endures forever.* Who by his understanding made the heavens, *His love endures forever.* Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *His love endures forever.*" (Psa 136:1-6)

The Light Of God's **Church** Will Never Go Out.

"You are Peter, a stone; and upon this rock I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever doors you lock on earth shall be locked in heaven; and whatever doors you open on earth shall be open in heaven!" (Mat 16:18-19)

The Light Of God's **Promises** Will Never Go Out.

"For the Scriptures tell us that no one who believes in Christ will ever be disappointed." (Rom 10:11)

"For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does."
(Psa 33:4)

"Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts."
(Psa 96:1-8)