

Light in the Darkness

December 20, 2020

Read Luke 2:1-20 - The Christmas story...

Luke 1:78 "Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death..."

John 1:4-5 "...and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."

Genesis 1:3 "Then God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. And God saw that the light was good."

Light is the first thing that God creates in Genesis because all other life is dependent on it.

John 8:12 "I am the light of the world, if you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

True life is dependent on the **LIGHT** if Christ in our lives.

Matthew 5:15 "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others..."

1 Peter 2:9 "...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests...as a result you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

In what areas of our own lives do we need to let Jesus light and true life in to?

How can we show the light of Christ in our lives everyday and especially during this season?

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CHURCHCENTER APP **New Features Added** Download the App on your Apple or Android device to register for an event, access the church calendar or directory, and so much more!

2021 VISION OFFERING **Pledge Today!** We encourage you to pray about what you will give or pledge to give toward greater online outreach, outdoor projects, and building updates for 2021. So far \$31,000 has been pledged toward our goal of \$45,000.

LOST AND FOUND **Claim your items soon!** The benches in the lobby are full of lost and found items. Claim them by the end of the year before they are donated.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm!** 7th - 12th graders will gather tonight for their Christmas Party. Bring ugly sweaters. Masks are required.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED **December 24 - January 5th** Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us on staff here at NTC!

coming up...

PRAYER & FASTING **Three Wednesdays in January** As we begin the new year we invite you to set aside January 6th, 13th, and 20th to fast and gather together from 6pm-7pm to pray together.

READ WITH US **2021 Bible Reading Plan** Join us in reading through the entire New Testament and parts of it twice throughout the coming year. Stay tuned for links to the plan through the Bible App.

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE TOGETHER **52 Verses over 52 Weeks** Each week in 2021 we will be challenging each other to memorize a specific passage to fill our hearts and minds with truth for transformation!



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