

## Excerpt of “The Light of Christmas: the Wonder of Light” Sermon

### What About You?

Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi—these three different groups of people had three different experiences of darkness and light. Yet each of them allowed themselves to experience the wonder that comes from an encounter with the light.

What about you? Where do you find yourself this Christmas Eve? Are you in a place of emotional darkness—lonely, isolated, doubting, overwhelmed? Maybe similar to Mary and Joseph, you even feel that trusting God has led to others misunderstanding or excluding you.

If you are lonely or hurting this season, the light of Christmas is for you. The arrival of Jesus is a call to courage and a promise of hope and love. It is God placing His Son among us, with us. With the psalmist, you can say, “The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1). And you can trust the promise of Isaiah 42:16, which says, “I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.” If you feel trapped in darkness, the light of Christ is for you.

Wherever you find yourself this Christmas Eve, I invite you into the light. I invite you to experience the wonder of the birth of the Savior. The same God who spoke light into existence at Creation has sent His Son as the light of the world. As 2 Corinthians 4:6 tells us, “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.”

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you” (Isaiah 60:1).

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