

A GREAT LIGHT HAS COME! (Have you seen it?)

When He (Jesus) created man in His “IMAGE and LIKENESS,” He put in HIM the *divine life and light of GOD*. The **result** of that is this:

MAN IS:

1. Intelligent...highly intelligent and can reason...
2. Morally sensitive: He has conscience and is aware of right and wrong...
3. Spiritually aware: He has a desire to seek after God; a desire to seek after the source of his life/ light...

That being said, it is also true that the full expression of this DIVINE LIFE and LIGHT, which is in man, can only be seen when He is walking with God; in the presence of the source of HIS LIFE and LIGHT. When he is walking in disobedience to God, man is WALKING in DARKNESS, and in that darkness his DIVINE LIFE and LIGHT is distorted, muted, and not clearly visible as God intended it to be.

IN DARKNESS man is:

1. Intelligent but without **FAITH**
 2. Morally sensitive, but without **TRUTH**
 3. Spiritually aware but without **LIFE**
- Living in darkness is a very dangerous way to walk out your life on this earth; **HERE'S WHY...**

John 12:35-40 (NIV) ³⁵Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. ³⁶Put your *trust in the light* while you have it, so that you may become sons of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. ³⁷Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still **would not** believe in him. ³⁸This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹For this reason they **could not believe**, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: ⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.”

- **NOTE:** Here you see the free will of man and the sovereign will of God in operation; They “would not believe in Him.” Then they “could not believe.”

WHY? “God chose to “blind their eyes and deadened their hearts so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn (repent)- and I would heal them.”

THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE...

SO HOW DOES this apply to us today?

1. Walk in the light as He is in the Light; it's a choice
2. Never judge someone walking in darkness (John 12:46-48)
3. Be “salt and light” in the world;

(Ephesians 5:8; Matthew 5:13-16)