

**Blinded by the Light
Live the Light – Part 2**

John 1:5, 3:19

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The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome/understood it. John 1:5

- Light is **STRONGER** Than Darkness
- Light Brings **REVELATION** to Darkness
- Light **EXPOSES** Darkness

The Power of Christmas: It Overcomes CHAOS and CONFUSION...

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:1-4

- Jesus Brings **ORDER** Into **DISORDER**...

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only [Son], who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

- Jesus Brings **GLORY** Into the Ordinary...

The Potential of Christmas: It Offers ACCEPTANCE to Those Who RECEIVE...

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. John 1:10-13

- God **DOES** Play Favourites!

The Problem of Christmas: It Demands a DECISION!

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. All those who do evil hate the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But those who live by the truth come into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. John 3:19-2

This is the crisis we're in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won't come near it, fearing a painful exposure. But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is. John 3:19-21(The Message)

- Some Are **OVERWHELMED** By the Light and Run **FROM** It...
- Some Are **OVERAWED** By the Light and Run **TOWARD** It.