

The Light of Christ

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN: PART I

Sermon Questions

1. Jesus was most likely born on December 25. (True/False)
2. Isaiah 9 is quoted in what part of the New Testament? _____
3. We learn in the gospels that Jesus' kingdom comes through his _____ on the cross.
4. The ultimate place of darkness is _____.
5. What's wrong with the world today? _____.
6. List the 5 effects of gospel light mentioned in the sermon:
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
 - v. _____
7. If we would have peace with God and men, we must be ready to _____ and _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Where are you currently experiencing “darkness” (gloom, anguish, strained relationships, fear about the future, personal sin, etc.)? How does remembering that Jesus is the Light of the World change the way you view or walk through that darkness?
2. Look at the five effects of gospel light (multiplication, joy, worship, liberty, peace). Which of these do you see most clearly in your own life right now? Which one feels weakest or most missing, and why?
3. The sermon noted that a “frowning or scowling Christian is an oxymoron.” Be honest: Does your daily demeanor reflect the deep-seated joy of someone who has seen a great light? What circumstances or sins most steal your joy, and how can you fight to reclaim gospel joy this week?
4. The sermon stressed that both hiding sin and withholding forgiveness keep us in darkness. Is there a sin you have been covering up (from God or others) or someone you have been refusing to fully forgive? What would it look like to bring that into the light this week through honest confession or gracious forgiveness?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. The Bible says Jesus’ family (his kingdom) keeps growing and growing when we tell others about him. It’s like one candle lighting lots of other candles until the whole room is bright! Who is one person you could tell about Jesus’ light this week—like a friend, a cousin, a grandparent, or a neighbor? What could you say or do to share gospel light with them?
2. Jesus’ light helps us tell the truth when we do something wrong instead of hiding it. When we say sorry to God and to people we hurt, Jesus forgives us and gives us peace. Is there something you’ve done wrong that you need to say sorry for? Who could you talk to this week to make it right and feel Jesus’ peace?