

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: The 12 Gifts of Christmas

Week 2: The Light of Christmas

John 1:1-9

One of the first indications of the Christmas season is the appearance of lights.

- **The world is a dark place**
- **We will never find our way or see reality unless Jesus is our Light.**

Isaiah 9:1-7

When Isaiah speaks of God's light "dawning" on a dark world, he is using the sun as a symbol.

4. **The sun gives us LIFE.** The sun is the source of life.
5. **The sun shows us the TRUTH.** Light reveals the truth of things, how they really are. (1 John 1:5-6: "...God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.")
6. **The sun reveals Beauty.** Light is dazzling and gives joy. In places where there are only a few hours of daylight at certain times of year, many suffer from depression.

How can this divine "Light" dawn on us? Isaiah 9:6-7 tells us that Jesus is the divine Light of the world, because He brings a new life to replace our spiritual deadness, because He shows us the truth that heals our spiritual blindness, and because He is the beauty that breaks our addictions. **Jesus is a Light for us when all other lights go out.**

How can this Light become ours? "to us a son is given." It's a gift that can only be received as a gift of grace. Christmas is about receiving presents but consider how challenging it is to receive certain kinds of gifts.

Christmas means that we are so lost, so unable to save ourselves, that nothing less than the death of the Son of God Himself could save us. To accept the true Christmas gift, you have to admit you're a sinner. You need to be saved by grace.