



# CHRISTMAS LIGHT



9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

JOHN 1:9-11



*O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.*

– “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”



In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

JOHN 1:4-5



# WHEN JESUS SHINES LIGHT IN OUR DARK PLACES

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We are realistic.



If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:8–9



# WHEN JESUS SHINES LIGHT IN OUR DARK PLACES

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We are realistic.  
We are redirected.



Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.

PSALM 119:105



*we confess that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean. We have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done and by  
what we have left undone. We have not loved  
you with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. ...*

*– Confession of the Church*



*We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.*

*– Confession of the Church*



# WHEN JESUS SHINES LIGHT IN OUR DARK PLACES

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We are realistic.  
We are redirected.



<sup>8</sup> For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light...

EPHESIANS 5:8



# WHEN JESUS SHINES LIGHT IN OUR DARK PLACES

We are realistic.  
We are redirected.  
We are restored.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

REVELATION 21:5



And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

REVELATION 22:5



# WHEN JESUS SHINES LIGHT IN OUR DARK PLACES

We are realistic.  
We are redirected.  
We are **restored**.



“[Jesus said]... I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

ACTS 26:17B-18



