



II Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Isaiah 9:2, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

Isaiah 9:6 (Speaking of the Light of vs. 2), *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

Spoken by Zacharias, Father of John the Baptist, Prophesying of Jesus:

Luke 1:78-79, ⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, ⁷⁹ To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 2:25-32, ²⁵ And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. ²⁶ And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, ²⁸ Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: ³⁰ For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, ³¹ Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; ³² A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

I. THE PURITY OF GOD'S LIGHT (JOHN 1:9-10)

Everything in the world can be defiled in some way except for one element; Light. Light cannot be corrupted, and therefore it is a wonderful picture of our Lord Jesus Christ who came to this sin-infested, putrid world, and yet never was defiled by it.

II. THE CONSTANCY OF GOD'S LIGHT (JOHN 1:1-2)

The Bible here clearly defines Jesus Christ as God. One thing we know about God is that He never changes. Light is constant. Light does not change.

James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

The faster you get to the speed of light, the more time slows down, and if you achieved the speed of light, time would stand still. One day we'll achieve the speed of light. God is light. The Bible tells us that Jesus dwells in light:

I Timothy 6:16, "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

One day we're going to be made again into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for us, time will stand still. Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift to mankind, is referred to as Light because of His purity and His constancy.

Malachi 3:6, "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

III. THE VICTORY OF GOD'S LIGHT (JOHN 1:3-5)

The word **comprehend** in this verse comes from the Greek word **katalambano** which means "to take eagerly, i.e. seize or possess". This simply means that the darkness could not conquer the light.

All of history is simply the story of an ongoing battle between light and darkness. Darkness is the absence of light. Darkness does not cause light to disappear; light causes darkness to disappear. Therefore, light will always win!

IV. THE VITALITY OF GOD'S LIGHT (JOHN 1:4)

In the little babe in Bethlehem's manger there was something that has never been in any other creature that has existed on earth; there was life! In contrast, we are born with death inside of us.

There cannot be life without light. When the earth was still without form and void of life the first thing God did to cause the earth to be able to sustain life was when He said, "Let there be light."

When the light came, the trees were able to be created, knowing they could go through the process of photosynthesis, and oxygen could now be produced and fruit and vegetation to sustain life. Everything that has life goes back to light.

Photosynthesis is derived from two words: **photo** = light; **synthesis** = to put together. Growing things are put together with light.

John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

V. THE GLORY OF GOD'S LIGHT (JOHN 1:14)

Glory is the outshining of the light of His grace and His truth.

"Objects have no appropriate colour, but ever appear of the colour of the light cast upon them, but yet with this difference, that they are most brisk and vivid in the light of their own daylight colour." – Isaac Newton

Jesus is the one who gives glory, and joy and color to a colorless world.