



Light of the World
#4 in Advent Series
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The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin.

1. Darkness and creation.

(Genesis 1:2-5; cf. Isaiah 45:7; Jeremiah 31:35; 2 Corinthians 4:6)

2. Darkness and fallen creation.

(Isaiah 5:20; 16:11; Romans 3:10; 6:17; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 11:14; Ephesians 2:1; 5:8; Colossians 1:13; 1 John 5:19; Revelation 20:11-15)

The light of the world is Jesus.

1. Jesus is the Light.

(Psalm 104:1-2; John 1:1-5, 9; 8:12; 9:5; 1 Timothy 6:16; 1 John 1:5)

2. Jesus brings light.

(Psalm 18:28; 36:9; 110:105, 130; 139:11-12; Isaiah 9:2 cp. Matthew 4:16; Isaiah 42:6; Matthew 15:14-16; John 3:19-21; 11:9; 12:36, 46; Acts 26:18; Romans 13:12; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8-9; Colossians 1:12; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 22:5)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Christmas is just four days away. Where has the time gone? As you drive around or walk this evening, let the dark sky remind you that, yes, “The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin”. So many people all around us are lost in, dominated by sin’s darkness. While you celebrate joyfully, remember, pray for and speak to people who may be celebrating but are lost, without Christ.

Tuesday. “The Light of the world is Jesus!” When you see Christmas lights, streetlights or turn on a light today, remember Jesus is the Light of the world. He is your light. “In Him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). Thank God that by His grace the light of Christ shined into your heart, that He “called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

Wednesday. Today is Christmas Eve. Prepare to worship together as we think of Jesus being the glory of Christmas. As well, keep on praying, living and speaking the good news of Christ to those you know and care about who are still in the darkness. As uninterested or resistant as they may be right now, keep on being faithful.

Thursday — Saturday. Christmas Day and Boxing Day — each full with different things and in different ways. Continue your focus of joy in and thanksgiving to God for Christ through all these events.

On Sunday we return to the series in James *the Partiality-Free Zone* from 2:1-13. Read and think through these verses in preparation for our time together.