

“CHRISTMAS: LET THERE BE LIGHT”
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Key verse:

(Jesus) *“I am the light of the world.”* John 8:12 (NIV)

Text:

“Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is Himself God. He created everything there is...Eternal life is in Him, and this life gives LIGHT to all mankind. His life is the light that shines through the darkness – and the darkness can never extinguish it.” John 1:1–5 (LB)

JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO...

LET US KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE

(Jesus) *“I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in Me will no longer remain in the darkness.”* John 12:46 (NLT)

(Jesus) *“Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.”* John 14:9 (NIV)

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.” Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

INFORM US OF GOD’S PLAN

(Jesus) *“This is why I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth.”* John 18:37 (NCV)

“God’s secret plan has now been revealed to us; it is a plan centered on Christ, designed long ago...And this is His plan: At the right time He (God) will bring everything together under the authority of Christ – everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because of Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for He chose us from the beginning, and all things happen just as He decided long ago.” Ephesians 1:9-11 (NLT)

“...God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8 (NLT)

“When I think of the wisdom and scope of God’s plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father...” Ephesians 3:14 (NLT)

GUIDE OUR STEPS

(Jesus) *"I am the Light of the world. So if you follow Me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path."*

John 8:12 (LB)

"...the light makes all things easy to see..."

Ephesians 5:13 (NCV)

HEAL OUR HURTS

(Jesus) *"...I did not come to judge the world, but to save it."*

John 12:47 (NIV)

"He forgives all my sins. He heals me."

Psalms 103:3 (LB)

TRANSFORM OUR LIVES

(Jesus) *"...I came to give life – life in all its fullness."*

John 10:10 (NCV)

"...the darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of life in Christ shines in."

1 John 2:8 (LB)

"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (LB)

"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

Romans 6:4 (NLT)