

MESSAGE NOTES

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Advent: Light Of The World
Isaiah 9:2; John 3:19-21; 8:12
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■ We live between the _ historic advents or “ _____ ” of Jesus.

■ God promised to send the “ _____ of righteousness.” Mal 4:2; Matt 4:12-17

■ This Christmas we can _____ the _____ of _____ . Psalm 56:13

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. **Isaiah 9:2**

WALKING IN THE DARKNESS OF ...

■ Sorrow, _____ or _____ . Luke 1:79; 2:32; Romans 10:14-15

■ _____, disobedience or _____ . Isaiah 29:15; Romans 1:21

■ _____, unforgiveness or a _____ heart. Prov 4:19; 1 John 2:9-11

■ _____ influences or _____-possession. Mark 5:1-15; Ephesians 6:11-12

■ Instead of light—all _____, righteousness & _____ . Eph 5:9

AS JESUS SHINES ON US...

■ _____ to His light— _____ Him & His Word. John 12:46; Acts 26:12-18

■ _____ in His light— _____ Him w/others. 1 Peter 2:9-12; 1 John 1:5-10

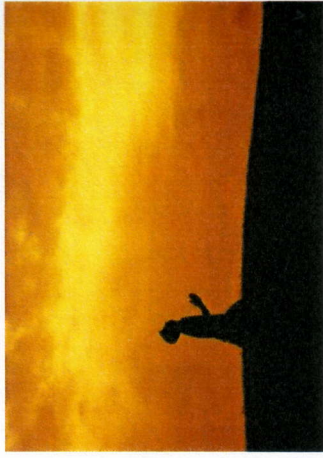
■ _____ His light to _____ places. Matt 5:14-16; Mark 5:18-20; Philippians 2:14-15

■ Or _____ darkness— _____ to let go of _____ ways. John 3:19-21

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows
me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” **John 8:12**

■ What am I doing with Jesus’ _____ of _____ ? Eph 5:8-14; Col 1:12-14

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An Advent Prayer

God, I'm ready to admit to You—I've been walking in darkness—the darkness of disobedience and unbelief. Please forgive me.

Thank You, for sending Jesus—the Light of the world—to shine on us so I can be saved. I now realize Jesus had to die in my place on the cross to pay for the penalty of my sin and make me right with You. I humbly receive Your gift of life—eternal life.

Today I leave the darkness of being in charge of my own life and I come into Your light.

Help me stay in Your light, by learning how to follow You each day with others who want to walk in Your light too.

Show me how to carry Your light to dark places in this world, so that other people may also come to know You, Jesus.

Now as I wait for Your 2nd arrival, thanks for giving me Your hope & lasting joy.

My name _____

Today's date _____