

True Light

In a day when different philosophies abound;
when hopes and dreams are so easily shattered;
when lasting relationships are so hard to sustain;
the Lord Jesus is still...

The true light that gives light to everyone...

John 1:9

He reaches out to us in love, bringing light to
our darkness and offering everlasting peace and
security...

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

And yet how easy it is, amidst all the bright lights of
Christmas, to lose sight of the greatest challenge of
all...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall
not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

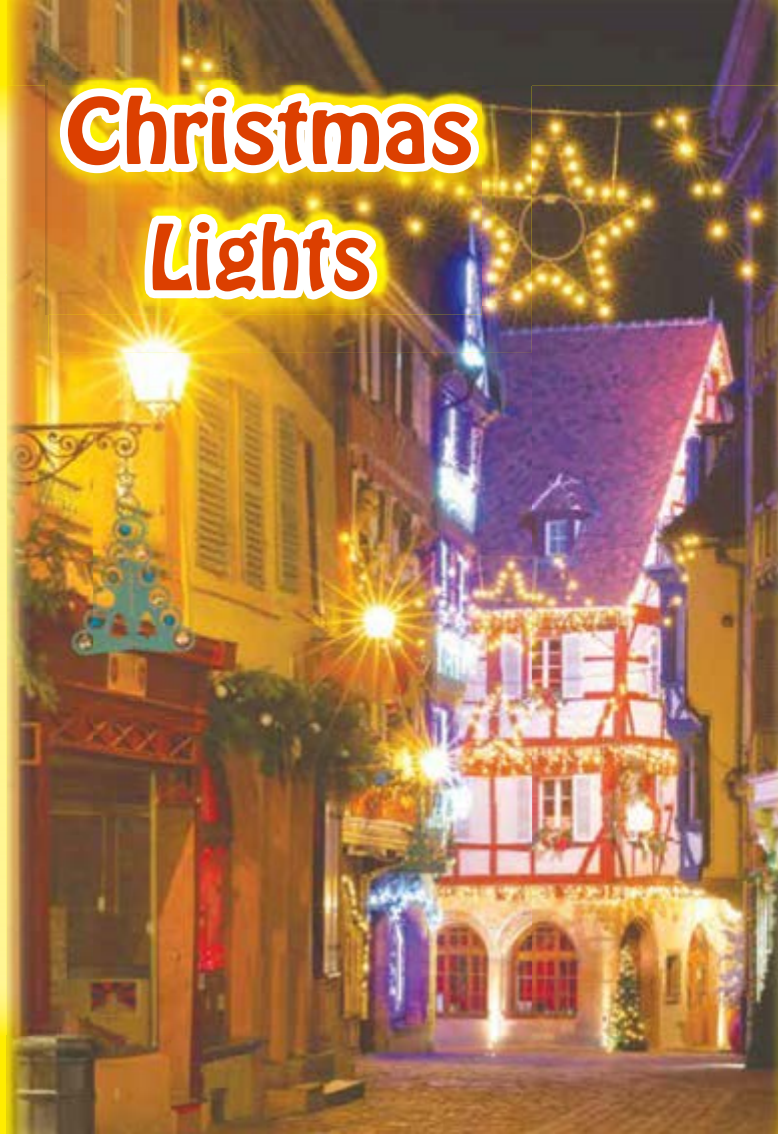
...whoever does not believe stands condemned
already...

John 3:18

May peace with God become the greatest gift you
receive this Christmas!

Christmas Lights

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The Light of the world

At this time of year, Christmas lights
illuminate many a town centre,
bringing a splash of colour to these
dark winter evenings.

Yet they're also a reminder that the
Christmas Story is all about the
coming of light – the Light of the World.

However, as
another year
draws to a close
and we wonder
what the future
will hold, we
may ask,

‘Just how
relevant is this
Light to me?’



Guiding Light

Christmas... when Almighty God took the form of Man and came into our world as the Baby of Bethlehem. Of course, much later He would go on to say...

I have come into the world as a light, so that no-one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

John 12:46

And this is surely such a welcome promise for us especially if we see the future as just a series of random events, many of which will be beyond our control. This means we don't have to muddle our way through life, simply hoping for the best...

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

Yet He also wants to become much more than just our guide...



Warning Light

There's no doubt that Christmas lights are designed to be appealing and attractive. But as God looks at our daily living, much of this is just the opposite!

Even despite our best efforts we can be so easily attracted to the darker side of life...

Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

John 3:19

And no matter how highly we may think of ourselves...

If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

With consequences as serious as they come.

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully, that first Christmas ushered in God's rescue plan.



Transforming Light

Christmas lights can sometimes transform a drab town centre into a place of beauty. But on the other hand, Christmas reminds us that our own attempts at a moral makeover will never *earn* our acceptance with God.

Christ Jesus came to become much more than just our teacher or example.

...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

1 Timothy 1:15

That's why He had to give His life for us on the Cross of Calvary. Only He was *'good enough to pay the price of sin'*

...at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

In response to this God calls us to turn away from all we know to be wrong and seek His forgiveness. And when we ask the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, we're given a brand new start...

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

2 Corinthians 5:17



Reflected Light

The Lord Jesus Christ doesn't just show us the way to a right relationship with God the Father, He is the way... the only way...

...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

But He also reminds us that there's a cost in becoming one of His true followers...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23



And when, by His Spirit, He comes to live in us, He wants to live through us... that our perplexed society might be impacted for good...

You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14 &16