



# Bible Study: Light in Scripture

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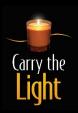




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### Light in the darkness



- "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." (Isaiah 9:2)
  - Referenced in Matthew 4:12-16
  - "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:79)

#### Arise and shine



"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." (Isaiah 60:1-3)

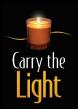
### Light and the Nations



- "I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations."

  (Isaiah 42:6)
- "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)
- "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2:32)

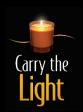
#### Darkness turned into Light



- "I will turn darkness before them into light" (Isaiah 42:16)
- "I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light..."

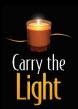
(Acts 26:17-18)

### Proclamation and Light



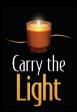
"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

# Light, Life, and the Word



"In the beginning was the Word...What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it...The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." (John 1:1-9)

#### Jesus is Light of the World



- Jesus says he is the Light of the World.
- "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)
- "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness." (John 12:46)
- "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

#### We are Light of the World



- Jesus says we are the Light of the World.
- "You are the light of world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid....Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

### Light in Our Hearts



"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:4-6)





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