

Darkness to Light
Discover Hope – Part 4
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John 8:12 (ESV) Again 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."

Philippians 2:15 (ESV) ... be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

1. Sin causes spiritual _____

1A. Sin _____ from God

Isaiah 59:2 (ESV) but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

1B. Sinners _____ in the darkness

Isaiah 59:9-10 (ESV) Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

2. God's _____ dispels darkness

2A. The _____ brings light

Isaiah 59:19-20 (ESV) So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives. "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

2B. God's light _____

Isaiah 60:1-2 (ESV) Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

3. _____ in God's light

3A. God's light _____

Isaiah 60:15 (ESV) Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.

Isaiah 60:18 (ESV) Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

3B. _____ is the light

Isaiah 60:19-20 (ESV) The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. In what ways is Jesus the light of the world (John 8:12)?

How is our generation crooked and twisted (Philippians 2:15)?

Is it easier or harder for a light to be noticed in a darker night? What implications does that have for witnessing?

1A. Why does sin separate a person from God (Isaiah 59:2a)?

1B. Why does sin stop prayers from being answered (Isaiah 59:2b)?

1C. How do sinners stumble in the darkness (Isaiah 59:10)?

1D. What would be symptoms of spiritual darkness in a believer's life because of unrepented sin?

2A. How will the Redeemer impact the darkness (Isaiah 59:19-20)?

2B. What effect will the glory of the Lord have on believers (Isaiah 60:1-2)?

2C. What must an unbeliever do to move from darkness to light?

2D. What must a believer do to eliminate darkness from their life?

3A. How does God's light restore the life of an unbeliever (Isaiah 60:15)?

3B. How does God's light change a nation (Isaiah 60:18)?

3C. In what ways will the light of Jesus impact eternity (Isaiah 60:19-20, Revelation 22:5)?

3D. How can you walk in the light (Ephesians 5:8)?

3E. What kinds of things would tempt you to hide your light (Matthew 5:14-15)?

3F. How can you let your light shine for others to see (Matthew 5:16)?