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Message Series: Finding New Hope this Christmas

Today's Message: Light In Our Darkness

Romans 15:13 "I pray that God, the source of all hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace as you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Isaiah 8:17, 22 "I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding His face from Jacob, I will put my trust in Him... Then they will look... and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into outer darkness."

Isaiah 9:1, 2, 6 "Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress... The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Light In Our Darkness

#1. Christ Light Brings _____

John 1:4, 5 "In His was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Truth: Light always _____ darkness.

John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 12:36 "Believe in the Light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light."

* **John**—saw the horrible destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.; he saw his brother James killed, Peter and Paul killed, and most of all—Jesus Christ crucified.

John 19:26, 27 "When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby. He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

John 20:31 "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life through His name."

2 Corinthians 4:6

Matthew 5:14-16

#2. Moving To The Light

John 3:19, 20 "... light has come into the world and people loved the darkness rather than the light... everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed."

Problem: Our pride — "Being ignorant is always better than arrogance."

Attitude:

* "I'll figure it out"

* "I know what they'll say and I don't want to hear it."

* "Everyone is a moon and has a dark side which he never wants others to see." ~Twain

James 5:16 "... Confess your faults to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

Key Questions:

1. What do you think you know?
2. What do you not want to hear?
3. Where are you afraid to be honest?
4. Who should you trust to give help?