

Christ Came: Life and Light
John 1:4-5

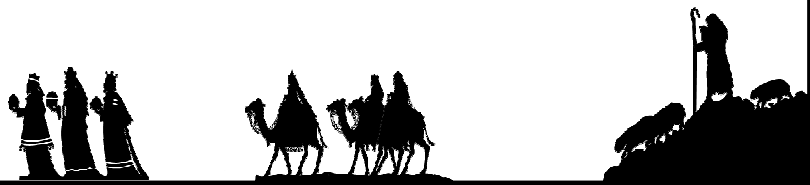
In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

1. Jesus is life.

- John 3:15-16 & 36
- John 4:13-14
- John 5:24-29
- John 6:27-29 & 35

2. Jesus is light.

When Jesus spoke again to the people he said, "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



Small Group & Personal Bible Study

During this Christmas Season we invite you to read together with us a weekly devotion from the free devotional, *Christmas, The Fathers Gift* by Billy Graham. (Pick up your devotional at the Welcome Center)

This Week's Devotion: "The Gift of Joy"

Christmas, The Father's Gift by Billy Graham (pages 17-30)



Memory Verse: Luke 2:10 (The Message)

The Angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide."

Daily Bible Ready:



- Day 1: The Gift of Joy (pages 17-30)
- Day 2: John 1:4-5
- Day 3: Luke 2:1-7
- Day 4: 1 Samuel 16:1, 17:12, Micah 5:2, 4-5
- Day 5: Luke 2:8-20

Lesson:

In his devotional, Billy Graham speaks of the Inn being full, "No room for Jesus? No room for the King of kings? This is the answer that millions are giving today... Things have not really changed since that Bethlehem night two thousand years ago. God is still on the fringes of most of our lives. We fit Him in when it is convenient for us, but we become irritated when He makes demands on us. Our lives are full. There is so much to be done. But in all our busy activities are we in danger of excluding from our hearts and lives the One who made us?"

1. Why do you think we squeeze God out of our lives and choose instead to fill them with things that pass away?
2. Read the last sentence in the paragraph above (from page 20 of devotional). Do you feel the danger of excluding God from your heart and your life? What is God telling you to do in response?
3. Our memory verse, Luke 2:10, makes it clear that the Messiah is for everyone. The entire world needs to make room for Him. What does this message mean to you?