

Jesus Shines Light Everywhere **Isaiah 60:1-22**

“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.”” (John 8:12 [ESV](#))

Main Idea: Without light there is no life. God in love sent His Son to shine light into our dark world. As recipients of God’s light, let us arise and shine!

Two Challenges to Understanding OT Prophecy:

Challenge #1: The OT prophets did not make clear that the Messiah would come two times to the earth to fulfill all of His ministry.

Challenge #2: The OT prophets were not given the revelation of the church age.

When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” (Ephesians 3:4-6 [ESV](#))

“What difference do the promises to Israel make to us?”

Application #1: We can be confident that God means what He says and fulfills every promise He makes.

Application #2: We can be free from the Satanic deception that hates the Jews and hates the nation of Israel.

God’s Grace: The Light has come!

Darkness is ignorance . . . oppression . . . wickedness . . . ugliness . . . conflict . . . brokenness . . . hopelessness . . . death.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God . . . In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:1-5 [ESV](#))

--By grace, God’s light gives life.

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.” John 8:12

--By grace, God’s light makes us see.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 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 what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," 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 4:3-6 [ESV](#))

Live by faith: Arise, shine.

--By faith, we arise from the dead.

Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." (Mark 5:41 [ESV](#))

--By faith, we arise from sleep.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Romans 13:11-12 [ESV](#))

Though I forget Him and wander away,
Kindly He follows wherever I stray;
Back to His dear loving arms would I flee,
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

Refrain:

I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me.

--By faith, we shine with righteousness of life.

"at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

--By faith, we shine with testimony of God.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 [ESV](#))

Light is personal knowledge . . . freedom . . . goodness . . . beauty . . . shalom . . . wholeness . . . hope . . . life.