

I SEE THE LIGHT  
Come & See – Part 2  
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*At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. **He is a light to reveal God to the nations**, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"*

**Luke 2:25-34 (NLT)**

*In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.*

**John 1:1-10 (NLT)**

***A Light, Jesus came into the World to...***

**1. ... Show us what God is like.**

*Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.*   **Colossians 1:15 (NLT)**

*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.*

**John 14:9 (NIV)**

*(Jesus) I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the darkness.*

**John 12:46 (NLT)**

**2. ... Guide our steps.**

*Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."*

**John 8:12 (NLT)**

*The light makes all things easy to see.*

**Ephesians 5:13 (NCV)**

*Jesus replied, "My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going.*

**John 12:35 (NLT)**

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

**Psalm 119:105 (NLT)**

**3. ... Expose the darkness of the world.**

*This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.*

**John 3:19-21 (NIV)**

*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God...For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*

**2 Corinthians 4:4-6 (NIV)**

**4. ... Transform our lives.**

*...For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light of Christ is already shining.*

**1 John 2:8 (NLT)**

*Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*

**John 14:6 (NLT)**

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)**