

John 1:4

In him [the Word] was life,
and the life was the light of men.

- Creation
- Truth
- Salvation

John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness has not overcome it.

*What happens when light shines into the
darkness of the world and my life??

Light shines in the Darkness

#1 - Will we RECEIVE the Light of God that brings Salvation and Truth?

- ****More about this on Christmas Eve!**

#2 - Will we WALK in the light?

- ****Ephesians 5**

Ephesians 5:8-10

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.

Ephesians 5:11-12

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

Ephesians 5:13-14

But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:18-19

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery [a waste!], but be filled with the Spirit, *addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,*

Ephesians 5:20-21

giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Responding to the Light

1. Receive the Light of Salvation

2. Walk in the Light

- Expose darkness (*start with self)
- Don't waste your life on darkness
- Praise! Give Thanks!
- Humbly love and serve others