



HOPES & FEARS – PART 2

LIGHT IN THE DARK STREETS

JOHN 1

THE DARK STREETS

ISAIAH 8:19-22

¹⁹ When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? **Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?**

²⁰ Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. **If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.**

²¹ Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²² Then **they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.**

When we look toward the earth, the darkness is deep, overwhelming, distressing, fearful, and dismal.

THE EVERLASTING OF LIGHT

ISAIAH 9:1-2, 5-7A

Nevertheless, **there will be no more gloom** for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but **in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations**, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; **on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.** ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to 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. ⁷ **Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.**

**Light began to dawn in our dark streets when Christ was born.
The Son of Man has been given to US.**

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

JOHN 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and **that life was the light of all mankind.** ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

JOHN 1:9-13

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² **Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—** ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

**Will you receive the light? Will you believe?
Will you wake up to the light of Christ and let him make you a child of God?**

**It's not something you inherit from someone else.
It's not something you can make for yourself. It's not something you can will yourself into.
It's the gift of God. You must be born of God**

JOHN 3:19-21 (THE MESSAGE)

¹⁹⁻²¹ "This is the crisis we're in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won't come near it, fearing a painful exposure. **But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is."**

Where meek souls will receive Him still, the Dear Christ enters in.