

**THE SONRISE
WE ALL
NEED**

Introduction

A. Gabriel's two important missions

- 1. To Zacharias: announcing John the Baptist would be born**
- 2. To Mary: announcing Jesus would be born**

B. Mary and Elisabeth together for three months of waiting

C. John is born and Zacharias prophesies

- 1. John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus**
- 2. Jesus called the “dayspring from on high”**

Luke 1:67-79

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

Luke 1:67-79 - continued

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Luke 1:67-79 - continued

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

I. Christ Gives Light To Those In Darkness

“To give light to them that sit in darkness”

A. God always bring light out of darkness

1. In creation

Genesis 1:3

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

2. In his birth

Isaiah 9:2

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

I. Christ Gives Light To Those In Darkness

“To give light to them that sit in darkness”

A. God always bring light out of darkness - continued

3. In salvation

John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

4. In walking with God

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I. Christ Gives Light To Those In Darkness

“To give light to them that sit in darkness”

B. Jesus came to bring light into our lives

1 John 1:5-6

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

II. Christ Gives Light To Those In The Shadow Of Death

“To give light to those in the shadow of death”

A. We all live in the shadow of death

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

1. We are one heartbeat from eternity

2. To some eternity is a dark unknown

“Now I am about to take my last voyage, a great leap in the dark.” - Thomas Hobbes

II. Christ Gives Light To Those In The Shadow Of Death

“To give light to those in the shadow of death”

C. The death and resurrection of Christ changed this

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

III. Christ Gives Light To Those Who Need Direction

“To guide our feet into the way of peace”

A. Walking through this dark world we need a guide

Matthew 9:36

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

III. Christ Gives Light To Those Who Need Direction

“To guide our feet into the way of peace”

B. “Peace” is such a good word

1. Announced at his birth

Luke 2:14

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good
will toward men.**

III. Christ Gives Light To Those Who Need Direction

“To guide our feet into the way of peace”

B. “Peace” is such a good word – continued

2. Achieved with his death

Colossians 1:20

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

III. Christ Gives Light To Those Who Need Direction

C. Is peace more than a word to you?

Ezekiel 13:10

Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

D. Jesus wants to give you lasting peace

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**What Does The Birth Of
Christ Mean To You?**