

Key Scripture:

John 1:9 NIV

The **True Light that gives light to every man** was coming into the world.

Eight Days Later...

Luke 2:21, 25-35 NLT

21 Eight days later, when the Baby was circumcised, He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel even before He was conceived.
 25 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 26 and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 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, 28 Simeon was there. He took the Child in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. 30 I have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared for all people.
 32 **He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and He is the glory of your people Israel!**"

Responses to the True Light of Christmas...

✓ **Imagine a different light – Dark & confused mind.**

Romans 1:21 NLT

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. And **they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like.** As a result, **their minds became dark and confused.**

✓ **Refuse to go near the Light – Slave to sin and fear.**

John 3:19-20 NLT

19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, **but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.**
 20 **All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.**

✓ **Follow the True Light – Life.**

John 8:12 NLT

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."

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Christmas Light

Light Beyond Christmas

Let your light shine beyond Christmas...

Matthew 5:13 NKJV

Let your light so shine before men,
 that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

1. **Choose to live righteously.**

Luke 2:25 NLT

Simeon...was righteous...

2. **Develop a devout faith.**

Luke 2:25 NLT

Simeon...was devout...

3. **Expect the Lord to do good things.**

Luke 2:25 NLT

Simeon...was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.

4. **Have a good relationship with the Holy Spirit.**

Luke 2:25-26 NLT

25...The **Holy Spirit was upon him 26 and had revealed to him** that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 That day **the Spirit led him to the Temple.**

5. **Make yourself available for the Lord to work through you.**

Luke 2:28 NLT

Simeon was there...

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