

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES | "GET YOUR HOPES UP"
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ISAIAH 9:2-7

Isaiah 9:2, 5-7 (NIV) 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.*

THE WORLD IS A DARK PLACE.

WE WILL NEVER FIND OUR WAY UNLESS JESUS IS OUR LIGHT.

Matthew 4:16 (ESV) *"the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."*

John 1:9-10 (ESV) ⁹ *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.* ¹⁰ *He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO DARKNESS IN OUR WORLD?

WORLD'S SOLUTION | HUMANITY: WE HAVE THE LIGHT WITHIN US

GOD'S SOLUTION | JESUS: A LIGHT OUTSIDE OF US

John 8:12 (ESV) *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

JESUS' LIGHT HAS BROUGHT US...

➤ LIGHT BRINGS LIFE

Acts 17:28 (ESV) *"In him we live and move and have our being."*

➤ LIGHT BRINGS TRUTH

1 John 1:5-6 (ESV) ⁵ *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.* ⁶ *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth..."*

➤ LIGHT BRINGS JOY

John 15:11 (ESV) *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God."

– **St. Augustine**

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THE LIGHT OF JESUS?

➤ IF JESUS REALLY IS MIGHTY GOD AND EVERLASTING FATHER, YOU CAN'T JUST LIKE HIM!

➤ IF JESUS REALLY IS A WONDERFUL COUNSELOR AND THE PRINCE OF PEACE, YOU WILL WANT TO BE WITH HIM!

➤ IF JESUS REALLY IS EVERYTHING THE BIBLE TELLS US, WE CAN GET OUR HOPES UP!