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**Sermon Series:** Irrefutable: Prophecies that Point Us to Jesus

**To be used with Session 2:** The Light in Darkness

**Sermon Title Possibilities:** The Light for Us

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9:1-3; John 1:1-9

**Connection with Unit Theme:** To complement the small group study “*Irrefutable: Prophecies that Us to Jesus*,” this sermon shows us that Jesus Christ reveals to us the Light of God, Jesus Christ regenerates us to have the life of God, and Jesus Christ is the One who releases the liberation of God.

## Introduction

The context of our first passage speaks of affection and anger. In Isaiah chapter seven, the prophet shows his immediate audience the approach of the Lord (Is. 9:1-5), the Anointed-One of the Lord (Is. 9:6-7), and the anger of the Lord (Is. 9:8-21).

In John Chapter one, as John seeks to prove that Jesus was God in the flesh, he speaks of the divinity of Christ (Matt. 1:1-17), the humanity of Christ (Matt. 18:20), the authority of Christ (John 1:19-28), the sufficiency of Christ (John 1:29-34), and the agency of Christ (John 1:35-51). Today, think with me about Jesus Christ: **Bearing the Light of God, Being the Life of God, and Bringing the Liberation of God** to those who trust Him.

### 1. Recognize the Light of God. (Isa. 9:1-3)

Long before Christ came Isaiah prophesied about how Christ would be the solution for our sinfulness. All humans are born in darkness and nothing or no one can shine in the darkness around us nor deliver us from the darkness within us. Jesus is the answer and solution to our darkness, because He alone bears the light of God.

Isaiah 9:1-3 points us to Jesus by showing us that Christ dawns in our darkness (v. 1), Christ dispels our darkness (v. 2), and Christ delivers us from darkness (v. 3). Verse one points to the fact that Christ would bring light to a world filled with darkness. When the world was filled with polytheism, pessimism, and perverseness, Christ came to show the world what God is like (John 1:14-18). Verse two points to the fact that Christ would bring light to the world by bringing hope to those in darkness, and verse three points to the fact that Christ would bring light to those in darkness by giving them real joy.

### 2. Receive the Life of God. (John 1:1-5)

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John 1:1-5 teaches that Jesus is God's Word for our lives—He is the Living Word. John 1:4 speaks of God's work in our Lives—Jesus' life is the light of men. When a person trusts Christ, that person moves from being in darkness to being in the light (John 12:46). John 1:5 speaks of God's work in our Lives—Christ gives the believer light that the darkness within or without cannot overcome.

### **3. Represent the Liberation of God.** (John 1:6-9)

This portion is about the witness of John the Baptist. It challenges us to be representatives of the liberation of God by being witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ. People can see that we have been liberated from sin through our walk (1 John 1:7), through our works (Matt. 5:13-16), and through our witness (Acts 1:8).

**Conclusion:** This passage encourages us to have a Word-centered Life. You and I should search the Scriptures, so we can recognize the Light of God in Christ. We should submit to the Scriptures, so we can receive the life of God through Christ. And we should serve the Scriptures, so we can represent the liberation of God for Christ.

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