



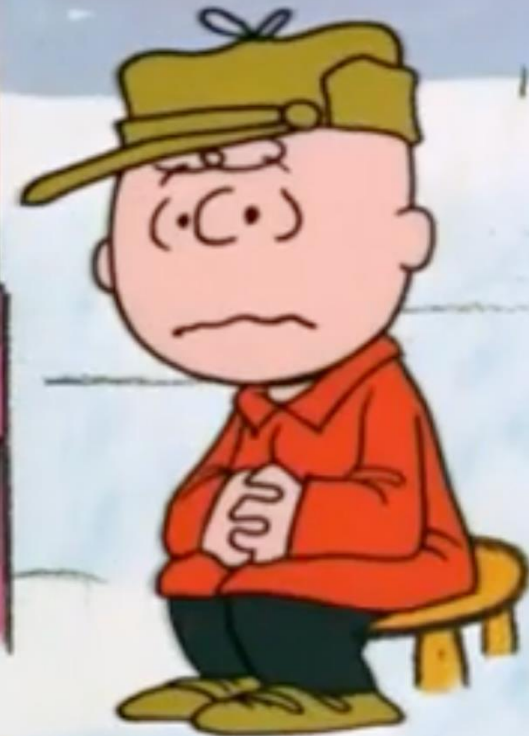


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John 1:1-5

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
- ² He was in the beginning with God.
- ³ All things were made through Him,
and without Him was not any thing made that was made.
- ⁴ **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**
- ⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

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**In the face of this darkness, where
do they look for hope and rescue?**

¹⁶ Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. ¹⁷ I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. ¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

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**Looking to the earth for rescue will bring
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Matthew 4:12-16

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ **so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:**

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the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
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have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
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¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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Christmas, therefore, is the most unsentimental, realistic way of looking at life. It does not say, "Cheer up! If we all pull together we can make the world a better place." The Bible never counsels indifference to the forces of darkness, only resistance, but it supports no illusions that we can defeat them ourselves. Christianity does not agree with the optimistic thinkers who say, "We can fix things if we try hard enough." Nor does it agree with the pessimists who see only a dystopian future...

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The message of Christianity is, instead, "Things really are this bad, and we can't heal or save ourselves. Things really are this dark - nevertheless, there is hope." The Christmas message is that "on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Notice that it doesn't say from the world a light has sprung, but upon the world a light has dawned. It has come from outside. There is light outside of this world, and Jesus has brought that light to save us; indeed, he is the Light (John 8:12).

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Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
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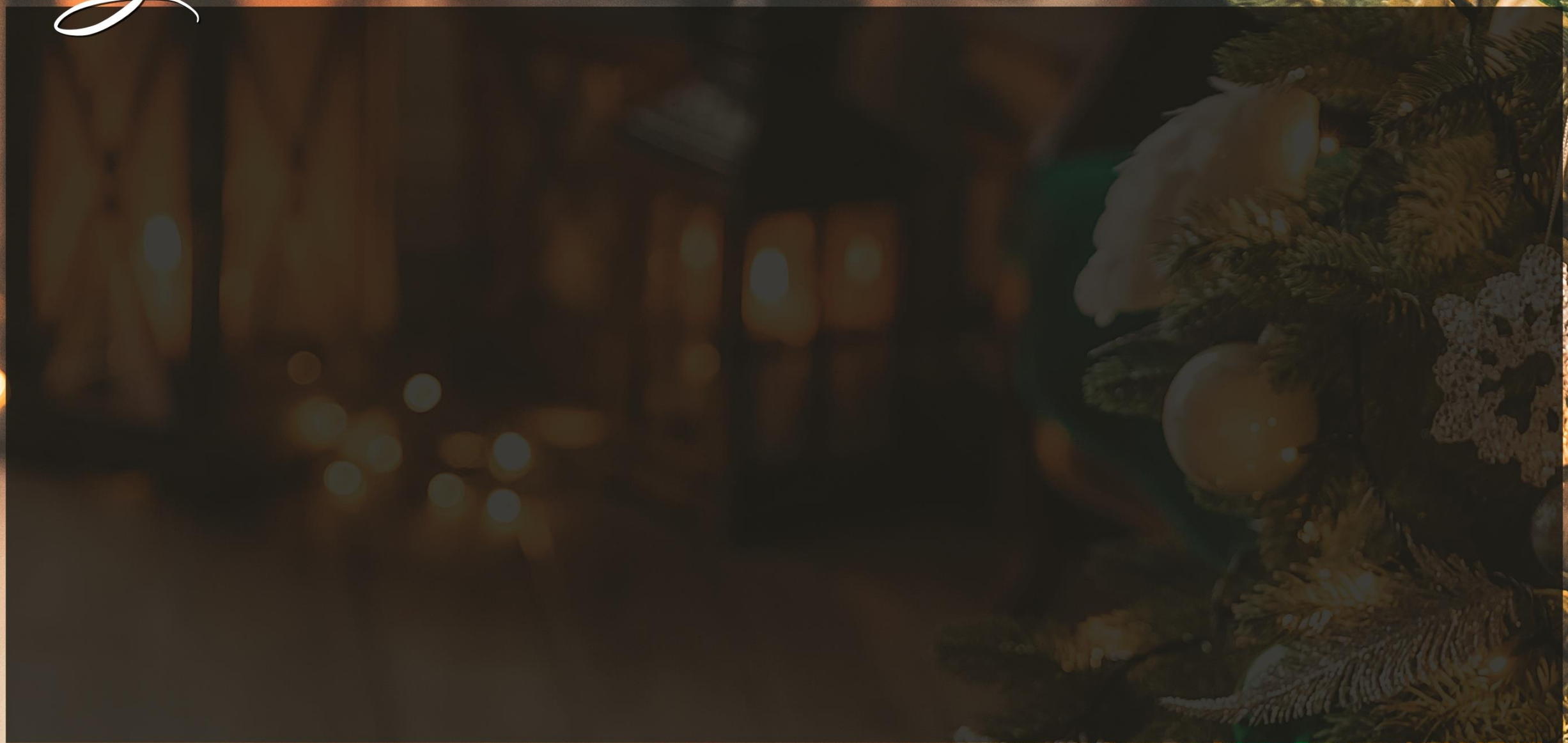
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