



Light up the
DARKNESS

...Step 1...

**If we don't recognize the
darkness, we will never
appreciate the light.**

...Step 2...

**There is a light in the world
that the darkness has not
and cannot overcome.**

...Step 3...

**We are intended to be a
humble yet distinctive
reflection that scatters the
light that brings life.**

...Step 4...

Light gives hope...
***'hopefully'* for everyone.**

When and where did light begin?

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Light brings Life

Darkness brings Death

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LOW FAT SNACK
STRAWBERRY
ACTUALLY FLAVORED

Twizzlers
TWISTS

PER 4 PIECE SERVING

100	0g	60mg	13g
CALORIES	SAT FAT	SODIUM	TOTAL SUGARS
	0% DV	1% DV	

CANDY NET WT 5 OZ (141 g)

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Isaiah 9:1-2

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*Written to a nation that has been...
devastated by a civil war,
dismantled by foreign powers,
undermined by godless leadership,
eroded by moral degradation,
and desperately looking for deliverance....*

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1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish.

In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

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- 14** so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
- 15** "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--
- 16** the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."
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Isaiah 9:6-7

- 6** For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called
Wonderful,
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
- 7** Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over His kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

Incarnation: The birth of Jesus

**The Son of God became a man
to enable men to become sons of God.**

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*
quoting *Athanasius*, 4th century church leader in Alexandria, Egypt

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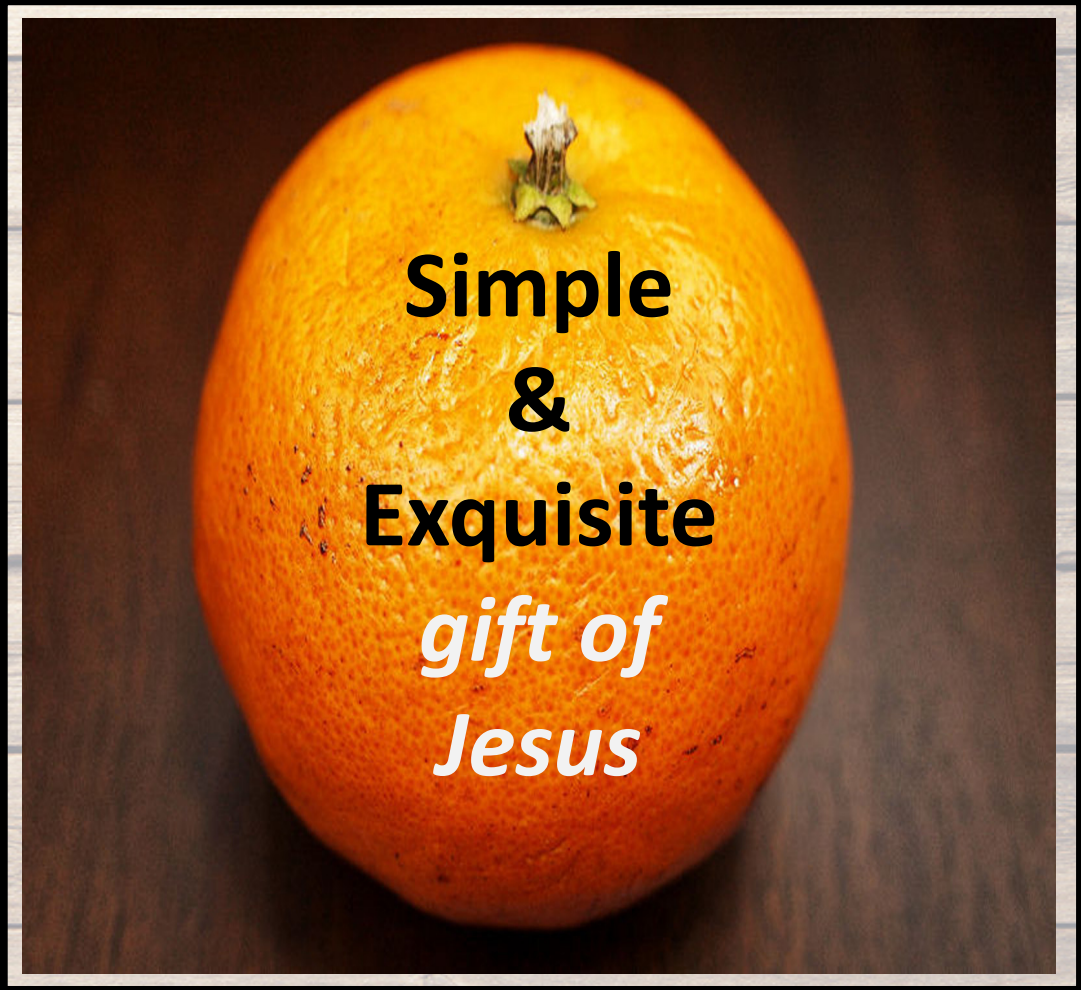


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Pick one up on your way out...



...share it with a friend or neighbor!





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