

The Message “A Light Has Dawned”

Isaiah 9:2, 5-7

Introduction

- ◆ First indication of Christmas is lights
- ◆ Light is very important to us
- ◆ Lights at Christmas time are symbolic

I. The Darkness of the World

- The world is a dark place! Do you agree?
- So how is the world dark?
- New York Times article: We can fix it. The light is in us!?
- Havel: “A turning to and seeking of God is needed.”

II. The Realism of Christmas

- Isaiah: human resources only bring more darkness
- Christianity says things are dark, but there is hope
- Isaiah: “For those living in darkness a light has dawned”

III. The Meaning of Light

- A. Life: without it we would freeze to death
- B. Sun or light shows us the truth
- C. Sun or light is beautiful

IV. The Dawning of Light

- How does this light dawn (flash) upon us?
- The light comes to us in the Christ Child
- Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace
- How do you and I respond to His claims?
- Jesus is the Light when all the other lights go out

V. The Light of Grace

- How can this light be yours and mine?
- To you: “A Son is given.” The light is a gift!
- We need to be willing to receive the gift of God’s undeserved love
- The only way we can receive it, is to admit we need it
- Some gifts are hard to receive...
- Without Christ we are lost in darkness
- Jesus is the Light of the world
- Jesus descended into the darkness of our lives to bring us into the light of His unconditional love