THE LIGHT SHINES STILL

Scriptures: John 1:1-5; Luke 2:25a,27b-32;
1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 4:6

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1. LIGHT displaces DARKNESS.

2. Light and life are LINKED—life is only POSSIBLE when there is light.

3. GOD is the only true light SOURCE.

4. Spiritually speaking, Jesus Christ is the One TRUE Light. John 1:9

5. When Jesus was in the world as the Messiah-Redeemer He indwelt a PHYSICAL BODY ("*the Word was made flesh*"). Now He indwells each BELIEVER.

6. As believers, we carry the LIFE of CHRIST within us and that life is the light of the world. John 1:4

7. Light will always prevail over darkness—we just need to shine BRIGHTER.

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RESPONSIVE READING

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2 Corinthians 4:6

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without
Him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. *

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was
righteous and devout. When the parents brought in the child Jesus
to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took
him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of
him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

* Alternate reading, NIV