

Message Notes | The God We Need

Part 2: The Light of the World

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The Light of the world brings _____ in
the _____.

The Light of the world brings _____ from
the _____. (Colossians 1:13-14)

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1. In the sermon, we heard how violence, tragedy, and wickedness in the world can make us ask, *"Where's God in all of this?"* Have you ever wrestled with that question? Explain your answer.
2. **Read Mark 7:21-23.** Jesus said that evil isn't just "out there" in the world but also in our own heart. Why is it important for us to admit this?
3. **Read Exodus 13:21-22 and John 8:12.** During the Festival of Tabernacles, the huge lampstands reminded Israel of God's presence in the wilderness. How does that background make Jesus' words even more powerful?
4. Light brings peace in the midst of darkness. How does Jesus as the Light of the world bring peace in the midst of fear and uncertainty?

Can you share an example from your own life where his light cut through fear or doubt?
5. **Read Colossians 1:13-14.** God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness. What does it look like for a person to live in the light rather than the darkness?
6. Laws and politics can have an impact, but real change happens through Jesus and lives changed by the Gospel. How so?
7. What are some practical ways that you can be a "light" and bring others from darkness to light? (Try to be as specific as you can.)

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The Light of the world brings rescue from the darkness. (Colossians 1:13-14)

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Bible Reading for Today

John 8:12-18

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. ¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

