



JESUS

The Light of the World

REVIEW - JESUS: THE SON OF MAN

I. WHO is He?

II. HOW did He become the Son of Man?

III. WHY did He become the Son of Man?



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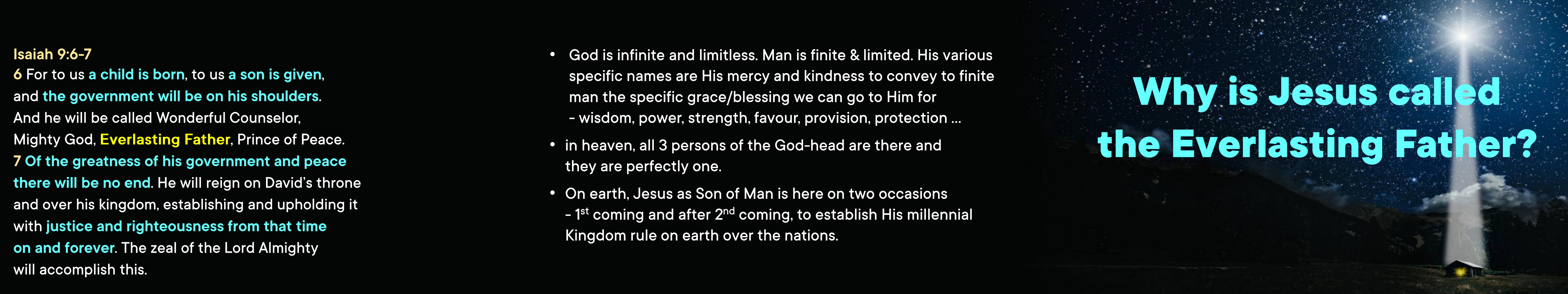
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- God is infinite and limitless. Man is finite & limited. His various specific names are His mercy and kindness to convey to finite man the specific grace/blessing we can go to Him for – wisdom, power, strength, favour, provision, protection ...
- in heaven, all 3 persons of the God-head are there and they are perfectly one.
- On earth, Jesus as Son of Man is here on two occasions – 1st coming and after 2nd coming, to establish His millennial Kingdom rule on earth over the nations.

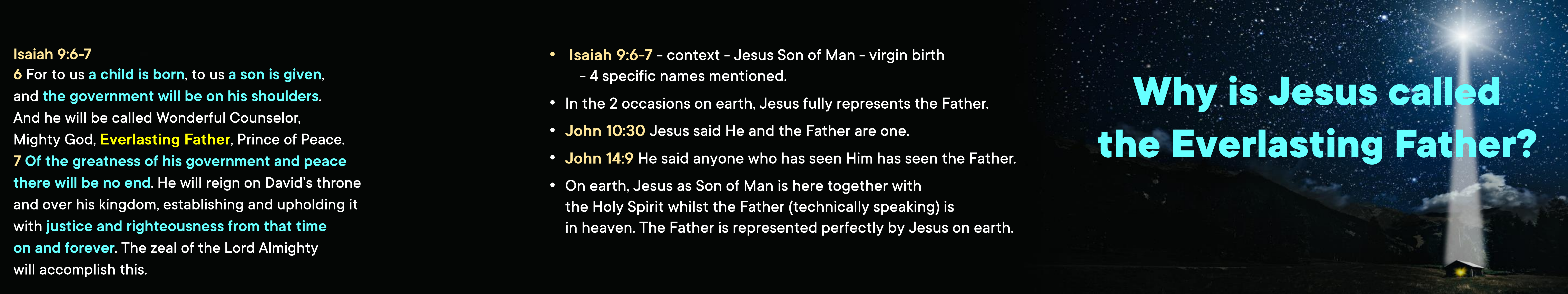
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- **Isaiah 9:6-7** - context - Jesus Son of Man - virgin birth - 4 specific names mentioned.
- In the 2 occasions on earth, Jesus fully represents the Father.
- **John 10:30** Jesus said He and the Father are one.
- **John 14:9** He said anyone who has seen Him has seen the Father.
- On earth, Jesus as Son of Man is here together with the Holy Spirit whilst the Father (technically speaking) is in heaven. The Father is represented perfectly by Jesus on earth.



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The Light of the World

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life.”

Nakasendo-WaitingBus-DarkCold

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RestaurantMenu-TurnOnTorch



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WHAT IS DARKNESS?

DARKNESS is the ABSENCE of Light!

It is **our choice** to walk in darkness
or in the Light

CONSEQUENCES follow accordingly!



The world is in **DARKNESS**

WHY?

- God created man to have a **relationship** with Him
- He gave man a **free will** to choose
- He gave man two fundamental privileges:
 - **access** to His presence (*through a relationship with Him*)
 - **dominion** of the earth
- When man chose to sin against God, he lost both privileges. The devil took over → access + dominion

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WHY?

1 John 5:19b and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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- The world is under the sway of the evil one

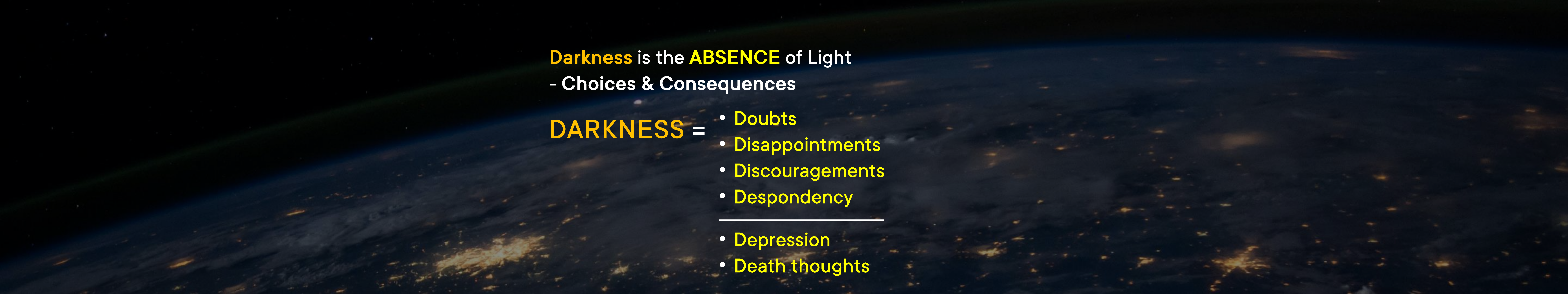
Ephesians 2:1-2

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to **the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience ...**

The world is in **DARKNESS**

WHY?

- How the evil one keeps the world under his sway:
 - **accuser** and **condemner**
 - **liar** and **deceiver**
 - **devourer**
 - **thief, murderer, destroyer**



Darkness is the **ABSENCE** of Light
- Choices & Consequences

DARKNESS =

- Doubts
- Disappointments
- Discouragements
- Despondency

- Depression
- Death thoughts

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LIGHT OF LIFE



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JESUS: The Light of the World - Light of Life

JOHN 8:12 (NIV)

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.”

JOHN 1:4-5 (ESV)

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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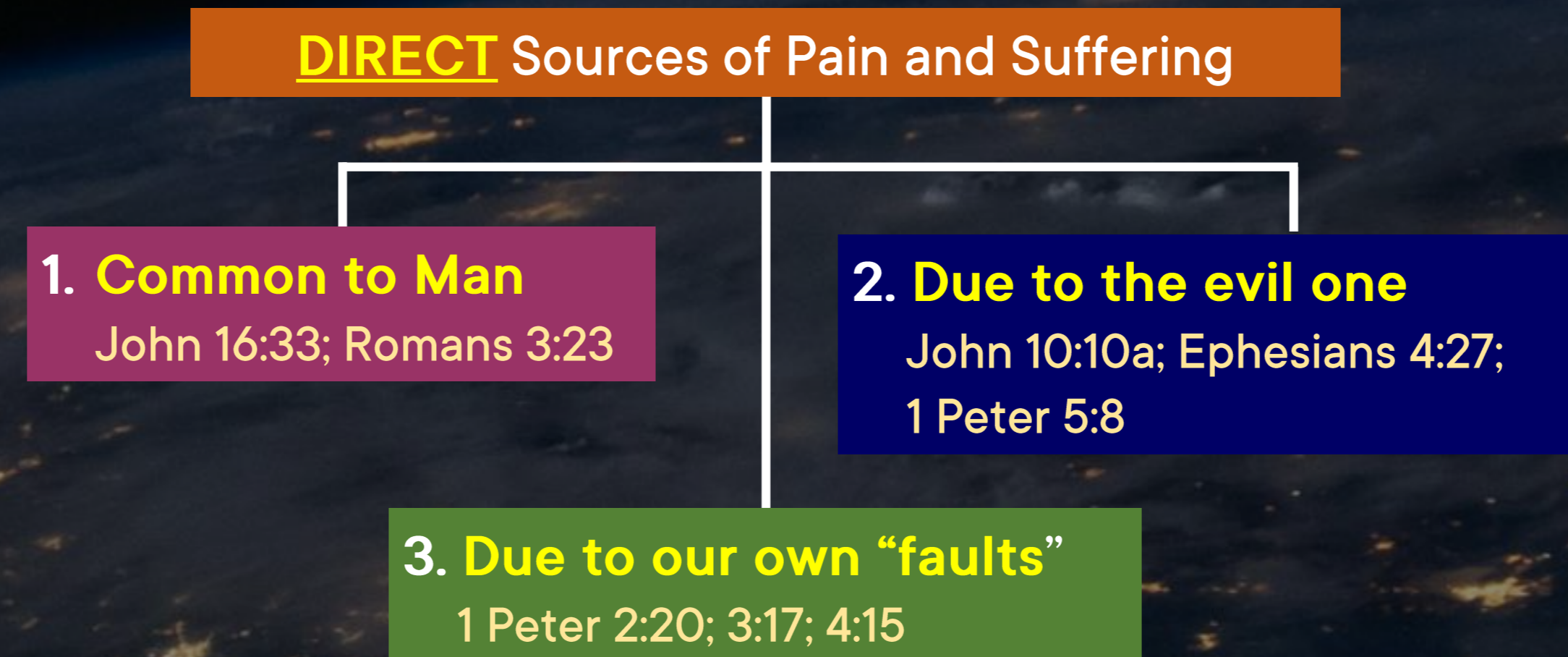
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DARKNESS = Pain & Suffering; Grief & Sorrow





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difficult questions: **Is life all that is here and now?**

NO!

Psalm 16:11 **You will show me the path of life;**
in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand
are **pleasures forevermore.**

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short
of the **glory of God.**

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Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward
you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil,
to give you a **future and a hope.**





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Psalm 139:16 Your eyes saw my substance,
being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written,
The **days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.**

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John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may **have life**, and that they may have it **more abundantly**.

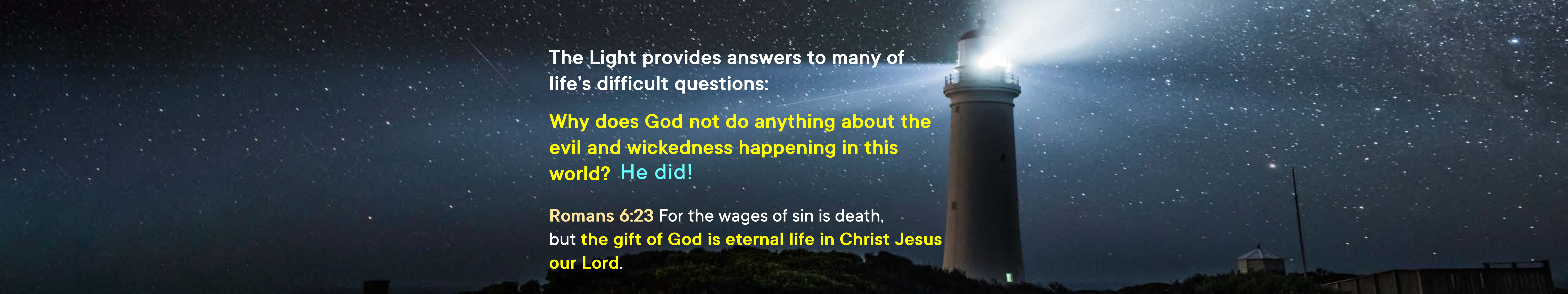




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2 Timothy 1:9 who has **saved** us and **called** us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own **purpose** and **grace** which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

A lighthouse on a hill at night, with its light shining brightly against a starry sky. The lighthouse is white with a dark top section. The sky is dark blue with many small white stars. The lighthouse beam is a bright white light that spreads out to the left and right. The background shows a dark silhouette of a hill and some buildings in the distance.

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**Why does God not do anything about the
evil and wickedness happening in this
world? He did!**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death,
but **the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.**

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Romans 5:6, 8, 10

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died** for the **ungodly**.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still **sinners**, **Christ died for us**.

10 For if when we were **enemies** we were reconciled to God through the **death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.





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John 3:16 For God so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life**.

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The Light provides

- Hope (*Romans 15:13*)
- Help (*2 Timothy 1:7*)
- Peace (*John 16:33, 14:27*)
- Joy (*Psalms 16:11*)
- Eternal Life (*John 3:16, 8:12*)
- Abundant Life (*John 10:10, 1:4-5*)





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Why are people still in darkness?

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.**

This darkness is spiritual blindness!

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Why are people still in darkness?

Because we succumb to the

- **lies and deception** of the evil one
- **culture of the world**, which is **contrary** to the Word of God

These are known as **UGBs** (Ungodly Beliefs)

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What does it mean to hold on to an UGB?

It opens doors to demonic strongholds

- demonic spirits will entrench and sink that UGB into our lives
- block us from fully experiencing the goodness of God
(2 Corinthians 10:4-5)



A lit candle in a brass holder sits on a dark surface next to an open book. The candle's flame is bright and illuminates the pages of the book, which are filled with text. The scene is dimly lit, with the candle providing the primary light source.

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What can dismantle these strongholds?

**The Truth of the Word of God,
the Light of the World**



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Acts 26:18 To **open their eyes**, in order to **turn them from darkness to light**, that they may receive forgiveness of sin and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

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How to overcome the darkness?

Follow Jesus, the Light by:

- **praying** strategic prayers
- **pulling down strongholds** of lies and deception from the evil one

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Pulling down strongholds:

- **identify** your UGBs
- ask God to show you the **truth** in His Word
- repent and **pray** (*Priestly role*)
- **rebuke** and reject the UGBs (*Kingly role*)

A photograph of a wooden structure, possibly a tunnel or a large container, with a dark teal panel in the center. The panel contains text. The background shows wooden walls and a concrete floor.

Common Ungodly Beliefs (UGBs) of **pre-believers**

- All religions and philosophies are the same.
- Money will solve all problems. No need for God.
- All Christians are hypocrites.
- Want to be with departed loved ones.
- Christianity is a Western religion.
- Good works are good enough for Salvation.

A photograph of a cemetery aisle with a dark teal overlay containing text. The background shows a path between rows of tombstones, with a large, weathered tree trunk on the left. The teal overlay is a solid color with a slight gradient, and the text is white and yellow. The text is centered on the teal background.

Common Ungodly Beliefs (UGBs) of **Pre-believers**

- If I become a Christian, who is going to pray and offer food to my departed loved ones?
- I bought a niche beside that of my late spouse. If I believe, I can't be with my late spouse.
- God isn't good since He doesn't accept those in the LGBT community.
- God is not relevant in this digital age.

Common reasons for Blindness in Believers

Unhealed
hurts

Unmet
needs

Unresolved
Issues

Ungodly
beliefs

Prolonged
fears

Past wrongs (condemnation)

Anxieties

Unforgiveness

Past
wounds

Wrong
company

Wrong
activities

Personal
Baggage

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What does it mean to follow Jesus?

- **Believe** wholeheartedly in the Lord Jesus, His Word and His Promises
- **Receive** His truths to nullify UGBs
- **Obey and apply** His Word and His promises
- **Look to Him** as the **Light** that displaces all darkness in our lives (*Psalms 27:1*)



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What does it mean to follow Jesus?

- Build and grow a personal **relationship** with Him
- Be **plugged into His body**, the **Church**, which reflects the **Light** (*Matthew 5:14-16*)
- **Submit** to the authority of **His Word** (*Psalms 119:105*)
- Be **led** by the **Holy Spirit**
- **Follow** the **Light** of Life!

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What happens when we follow Jesus?

- ❖ We have **access** to the Presence of God
- ❖ All our sins are **forgiven**
- ❖ We are **cleansed** from every defilement and sin
- ❖ We are **covered** by the Blood of Jesus.
The devil cannot attack us
- ❖ We are **overcomers** of the world, the evil one, and our carnal self



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- ❖ We are **blessed** with every blessing in Christ Jesus
- ❖ We will have
 - **no more fears** (*Romans 8:15; 2 Timothy 1:7; Hebrews 2:14-15*),
 - **no more condemnation** (*Romans 8:1; Colossians 2:14-15*),
 - **no more curses** (*Galatians 3:13-14*)
- ❖ We have access to the **Grace, Mercy** and **Peace** of God

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We have the victory!

- Abundant grace will be our increasing portion as we know and **experience** God
- We are the **head**, and not the tail
- We are **on top** of situations, not buried under them
- We are **blessed** with every Abrahamic blessing
- Through Christ, we **take dominion** over our earth
(where we live and work)
- We are filled with the Light of Life to **bless others**

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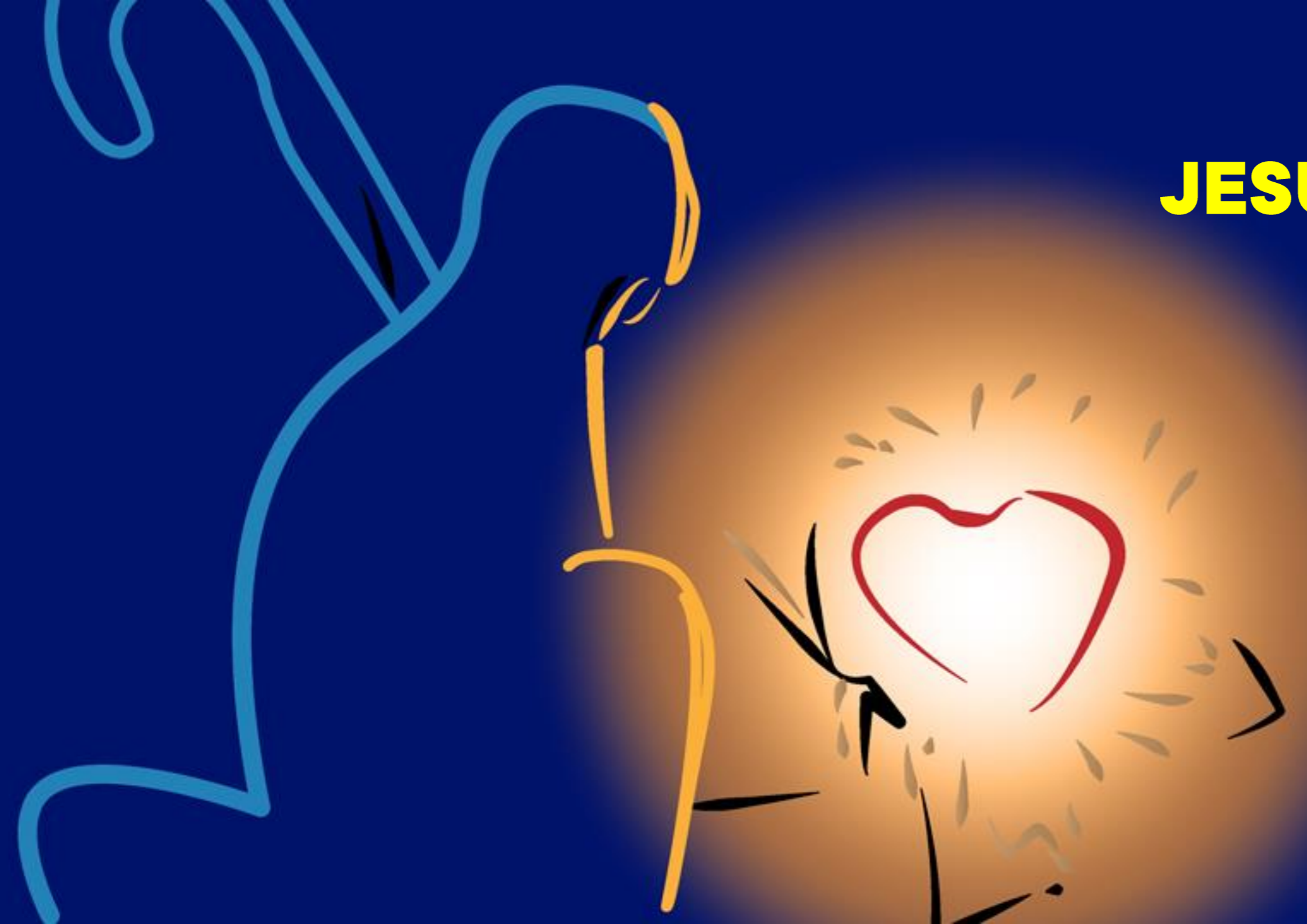
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WARNING:

- Luke 11:35 Be careful lest the **light in you be darkness**
- Matthew 6:23 The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your **whole body will be full of darkness**

1 John 2:9, 11



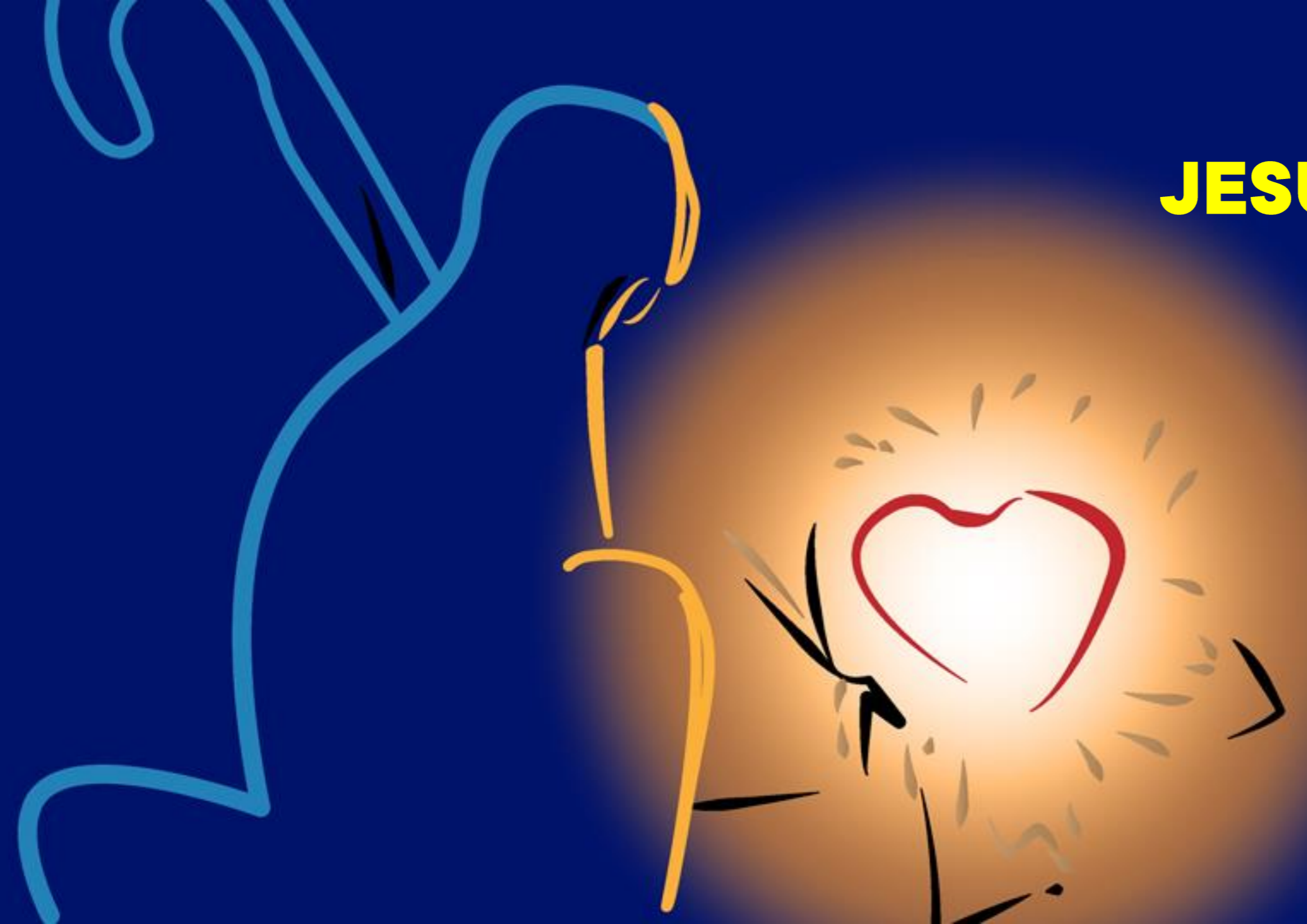


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What are you presently experiencing?

Isaiah 60:1-3

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. **2** For behold, the **darkness** shall cover the earth, and **deep darkness** the people; **but the Lord will arise over you**, and His glory will be seen upon you. **3 The Gentiles shall come to your light**, and kings to the brightness of your rising.



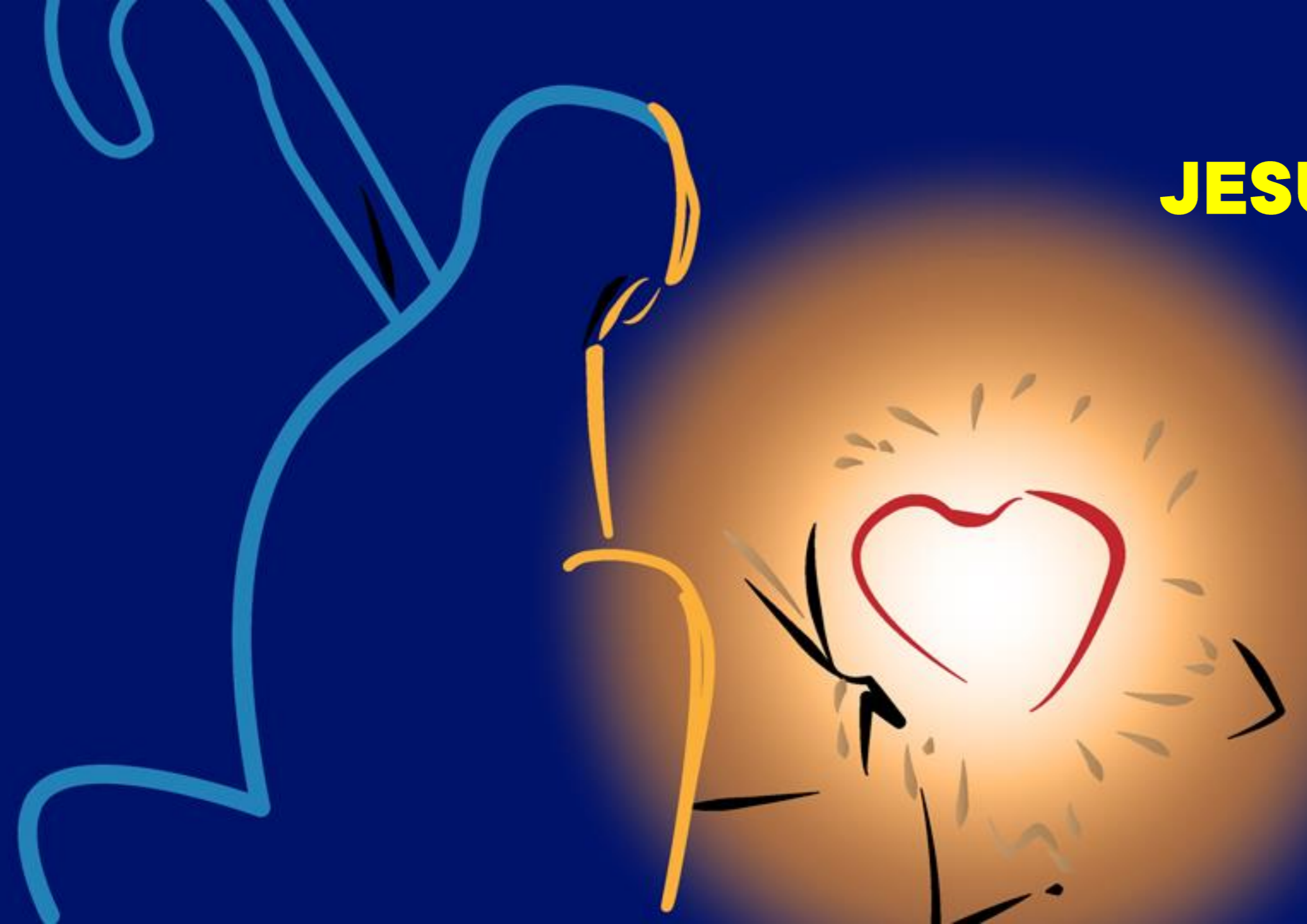
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John 9:4-5

4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me **while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.**

5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the Light of the world.**”



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Proverbs 4:18-19 (NLT)

18 The **way-path of the righteous** is like the first gleam of dawn, which **shines ever brighter until the full light of day**. 19 But the **way of the wicked is like total darkness**. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.

GodIsLight-James1:17

J-UnapproachableLight-1Tim6:16