

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

12/19/21



# Christmas Party



# Whole Fried Crab!



# *Christmas Lights!*



# History of Christmas Lights

- The tradition of using small candles to light up the Christmas tree dates back to at least the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. However, it took two centuries for the tradition to become widely established first in Germany and soon spreading to Eastern Europe. Candles for the tree were glued with melted wax to a tree branch or attached by pins. Around 1890, candleholders were first used for Christmas candles. Between 1902 and 1914, small lanterns and glass balls to hold the candles started to be used.
  - In 1882, the first Christmas tree was lit by the use of electricity.
- Albert Sadacca was fifteen in 1917, when he first got the idea to make safety Christmas lights for Christmas trees. A tragic fire in New York City involving Christmas tree candles inspired Albert to invent electric Christmas lights. The Sadacca family sold ornamental novelty items including novelty lights.



# The Meaning of Christmas!

- Santa Claus
- Tree
- Gifts
- Family
- Vacation/Rest
- Eating
- Lights/Décor
- Egg nog
- TV Specials
- Holiday music
- Christmas Sweaters



# The Meaning of Christmas!

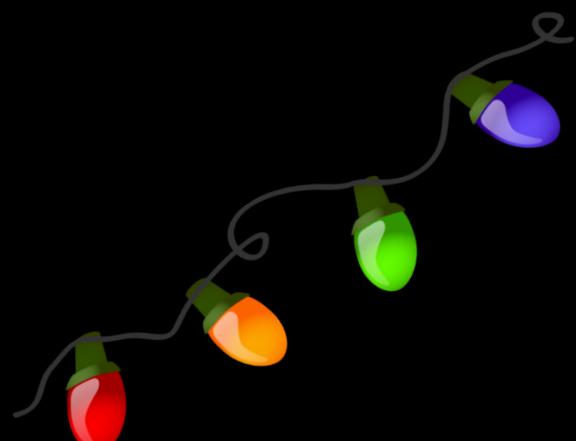
The interviewer stopped one young woman on the sidewalk, and asked, "What is the meaning of Christmas?" Laughing, she responded, "I don't know. Is that the day that Jesus died?"

Donald Deffener



# THE DARK LIGHT!

Christmas Lights



# Dark Light!

And no wonder, for Satan himself  
masquerades as an angel of light

(2 Co 11:14)



# So, this is Christmas!

- Debt
- Over Eating
- Materialism
- Superficial\*
- Stress of Excellence/Expectation\*
- Drunkenness\*
- Heart Attacks/Strokes\*
- Suicide and Loneliness (Dark side)



# A Dark Time!

- Christmas is the saddest time of the year. It is cold, and everyone's trying to get some heat to their hearts, but very few can actually do it. For many, Christmas is a time to be spent with friends and relatives, to put as much food and wine as possible within their already full-filled stomachs. ....For me, Christmas is a time of silence and loneliness, of tears that get frozen in their way out, of painful screams that never can go out because they would sound too much horrible and perturbing to the society that commands one to smile always, no matter how much one is suffering, no matter how much cold one is, no matter how much pain is within one's heart. Christmas is also a time of expectation, of hope about redemption, understanding and love that will never be; a time of despair. While for many Christmas is a time to ran into the stores to buy some happiness and to wait for presents that would hopefully give them a bit of that happiness they need, for me Christmas is the saddest and more painful time of the year.

*Anton Gustavsen*



# The Tale of Two Christmases!

## The World's Christmas

- Physical
- Unhealthy Expectation\*
- Bondage thru Debt\*
- Buy or Give Happiness
- Guilt over eating
- Superficial spirit\*
- Getting a break\*
- Lack of Gratitude
- Loneliness
- Stressful

## Jesus' Christmas

- Spiritual
- Expectation of Love
- Freedom thru Contentment
- Joy is in the Heart
- Fulfilled in Christ
- Authentic/ Sincere
- Finding Solace in God
- Thankful (Salvation)
- Feeling Close to God
- Peaceful



# The Prince of Peace was Born!

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

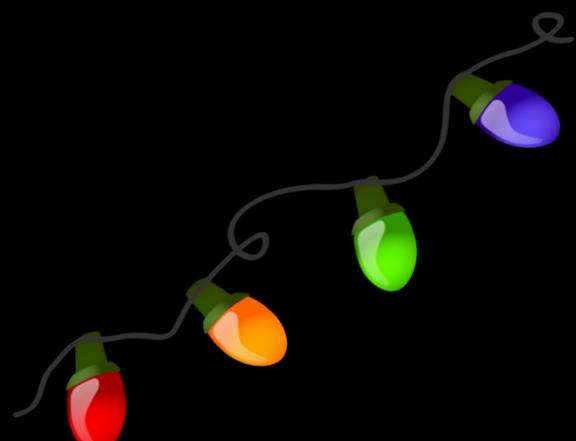
This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

(Luke 2:9-14)



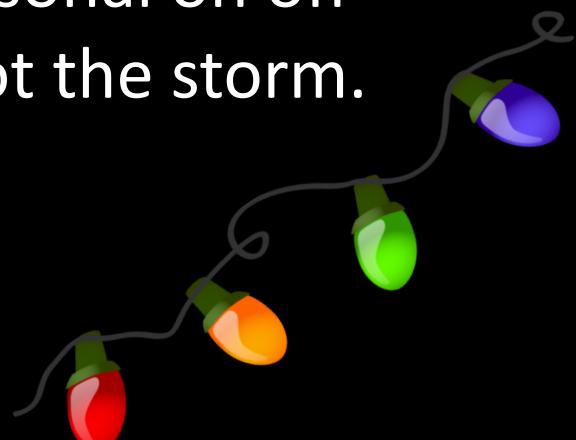
# SEASONAL LIGHTS!

## Christmas Lights



# Seasonal Lights!

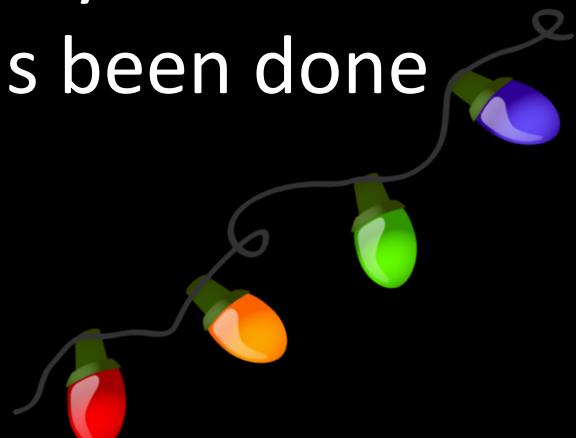
Intermittent light are on and off lights. They are seasonal light. Christmas lights are intended for decorations, it is good for the eyes to entertain. But you cant light a highway by being on and off, Christmas light are only for a season. Highway light intended to guide were made for all seasons. Rain or shine, even in storm they must continue to light the highway or you will see chaos. Seasonal on off Christians can stand the rain but not the storm.



# Intermittent Light

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

(Jn 3:19-21)



# The Energy Source

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world

(Jn 1:5-9)



# You are a Marvelous Light

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

(1 Peter 2:9)



# LIGHT OF INNOCENCE

## Christmas Light



# Exposed by the Light

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

This is why it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

(Eph 5:8-9/13-14)



# The Children of Light



# Obey and Shine

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain (Phil 2:14-16)



# Children of Light

- Have no stress
- Pure Hearts
- Real\*
- Obedient
- Imagination (Sense of Wonder)\*
- Simply Life
- Sincere Joy
- Have Fun



# You are Light!

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven  
(Mt 5:14-16)



# Give Light

- I am a child of light
- I shine like a star
- I can give light to everyone
- I am the light of the World

# Let the light enter your Home!

"Light of the world so clear and bright,  
Enter our homes this Christmas  
night;

Re-light our souls so tenderly,

That we may grow to be like Thee."

(Unknown)



# A House of Light



# Merry Christmas



# Communion

## Christmas Light



# Blood and Light

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7)

