

A GREAT LIGHT

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

“A child is born to us, a son is given to us...” (v. 6a) As I read these words I was reminded of the birth of my two great grandsons, one a little over a year ago and the other just two weeks ago at the time of this writing.

A son was given to my grandson and a son was given to my granddaughter. How precious are these little ones. Oh, the joy of little ones coming into a family. They are like a great light, a shining light to the family even before we know what they will do, what they will become as they grow. They have increased the joy in the families.

I can hear the sounds of ecstasy that were uttered from parents, grandparents, great grandparents, and others as they saw the babies. All the oohs and ahhs! Even the sounds of crying were joyful. The excitement was beyond words at times as we celebrated and welcomed these two new little ones.

Unfortunately, times will not always be happy; we will not always be singing songs of praise. There will be times of darkness, times when the light will not shine because of troubles, sickness, hurt, despair, sorrow.

But there is one who is THE Great Light, the one who was born to bring light to the world even when we are in darkness, in distressing times. We celebrate His birth during this Advent season and we welcome Him anew.

Despite the joy we receive with the birth of children, there is nothing to compare to the birth of Jesus Christ, THE Great Light of the world, and what He means to us when we accept Him into our life.

Is He your Great Light today? Are you celebrating His birth and welcoming Him into your life with even more elation than we do our earthly children?

Prayer: Thank you God for the gift of your Son. Prepare our hearts to receive your free gift. Amen.

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