

## THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Scripture: John 1:1-14

December 25, 2020

Message:

**In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.**

**JOHN 1:4, 5, 9**

TODAY IS CHRISTMAS. It is a day to celebrate, reminisce and make memories with families and friends. We also are nearing the end of another year, another season of life.

However, this year may not hold fond memories. Fear laced with more negative than positive has encompassed the very essence of our being during this year. We have struggled with uncertainties. And differentiating truth from misconceptions is near impossible. We have become spiritually ill in the midst of all the mess. We are meandering souls in this new so called “normal.” We blindly seek that one flicker of light of hope.

Where, when and why, fellow believers, did we think it was okay to forsake God’s Word? Forget God’s promises? These are times we need to “amp” up our ability to connect with God for wisdom, guidance, and direction. Why would God gift us His only son Jesus to sacrificially die if God wasn’t a loving, compassionate God?

We have failed God miserably in our lack of seeking and serving. We have allowed our light to grow dim or even, at times, extinguished. In John 1:5 we are promised that no matter how dark life is, the presence of God is our life-light to dispel the darkness. “The light keeps shining in the dark, and the darkness has NEVER put it out.” Like John, we are called to illuminate that Light to others who dwell in darkness.

I can’t think of any better time than the present to refuel and rekindle our inner lights of God’s reflection. May our lives reflect to others the gifts of peace, hope, joy and everlasting love through faith from God the Father and our Savior Jesus Christ in this most holy season and throughout the coming New year.

Prayer:

In this season of our lives where peace and joy and hope seem unattainable, we plead for your mercy, love, protection and deliverance. Strengthen and sustain us when our faith falters. Renew, revive, restore our spirit of light so we can once again be reflections of your message to those who walk in darkness. We thank you, Heavenly Father, giver of all that is good and perfect, for your mercy and grace. And in the name of your precious son, Jesus, we humbly petition and offer this prayer. Amen.

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