

# The Brightest Christmas Light

## 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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### I. God Gave Us the Best and Brightest Light When He Gave Us His Son

The Gospel has light in it, and that light is there because of the glory of Christ who is the very image of God!

God reveals Himself most fully in His Son, Jesus. And Jesus shows us who God, the Father, really is.

The Gospel is not so much a list of mental facts that you simply assent to. The Gospel is about a person you have to submit to – and His name is Jesus Christ! When you talk about the Gospel you are talking about Jesus!

**John 1:18** “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.”

The word “explained” is the Greek word “exogeomai” from where we get our English word “exegesis” that means to interpret, explain, or analyze in detail. In other words, Jesus gives us details about God!

### II. People Can't Celebrate What They Can't See and What They Don't Want to See

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4** “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

**Vv. 3-4** tells us two things are going on in the life of someone who's not a Christian: there's a veil that keeps this glorious Gospel from looking like good news to them and there's an enemy – the “god of this age” – who is working hard to keep that veil in place by blowing smoke and blinding them to the glory and light of Jesus Christ.

The Greek word for “blinded” in **v. 4** is taken from the root word “tuphos” that means to burn or smoke.

The little “god of this age” keeps the fires of this temporal world burning and smoking so that men and women created in the image of God, and for the glory of God, live as if there is no God.

The fact that Satan is blowing smoke and working so hard to blind people to the glory of God doesn't mean that people are innocent of his schemes because there's something else going on that is equally strong as to why people don't see the glory of Christ.

**John 3:19** “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light...”

*NIV* “This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light...”

The Apostle John is talking about a self-inflicted darkness! There's a darkness that we choose because there's a God that we refuse to worship!

### III. God Has to Do for Us What We Could Never Do for Ourselves

**2 Corinthians 4:6** “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

You did not save yourself and you did not find God. God found you and His sovereign grace saved you when He turned on the spiritual lights for you to see the beauty and glory of Jesus Christ.

**V. 6** is referring back to **Genesis 1** where God simply spoke light into the darkness and chaos of this world. Darkness did nothing to create light! It didn’t participate in the process at all. Darkness was simply a recipient of light as God spoke it into existence!

The parallels between the creation of physical light and what God does for us spiritually are uncanny.

**Genesis 1:2-3** “Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.”

Your life was formless, empty, and dark, but God said, “Let there be light!”

#### **IV. God Still Chooses to Use People Like Us to Point Others to Jesus**

**2 Corinthians 4:5** “For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

After God saves you, you start living for somebody besides you.

In fact, when you truly know Him and are filled with His Spirit, you’re compelled to talk about Him! You just can’t keep it in!

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; <sup>15</sup>and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

In **v. 20**, Paul shatters all doubt as to whether or not God uses us.

**2 Corinthians 5:20** “...we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us...”

Regardless of your station in life and where you might find yourself in the marketplace, if you’re a Christian, you’re an ambassador for Christ, as though God were pleading through you.

We get to represent Jesus! So, don’t ever say, “Well, if God has to do it there’s nothing for me to do!” Yes, God has to do it, but He chooses to do it through people like you and me.