

## Light in the Darkness

Now that Autumn is arriving, and we notice how the nights are getting darker. Many people often think about light. Which light do we put on in the house, which lights have stopped working in the garden, which solar lights are running out of power too quickly. For some people they find the longer darker evenings very lonely. For others, they enjoy shutting the curtains, and putting on which ever lights they wish. Some people may have a favourite colour light to use, that helps them to rest or keep them awake.

The use of electric lights, is of course a modern invention, being invented around 1879. Before this invention, people used candles or oil lamps to get their light. Some people used mirrors to reflect the light back into the room. Many people would plan their day's activities around daylight hours, when hopefully the sun would shine to help people see what they were up to. Today, we take the electric light for granted and complain if the light doesn't work. The use of a light can change the appearance of someone or the room and makes it easier for people to see what they need to.

As Christians, we believe that as well the light provided by the sun and the extra light that we can by using electric or other forms of light, there is another more important source of light in our lives, the light of God. Jesus, God's one and only promised Son, came to the earth as the light of the world. Jesus told his disciples this in John chapter 8 verse 12, 'Jesus said, I am the light of the world'. Jesus also said in John chapter 1 verse 5 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'. This means to Christians, that although life is hard and sometimes we feel very upset, the light of Jesus is still shining for us to see and feel.

If you are on a journey at night and you suddenly see a light shine out of the darkness, this will probably make you feel very happy. This is the same as Jesus wants for each one of us, that he can shine the light of his love and life into our lives and make us feel very special.

If you would like to know more about Jesus and the light that he can bring to your lives, please join us for our services at Stanground Baptist Church. Please check our Website for service details.

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