

JESUS: GOD'S ANSWER TO OUR NEED

December 16, 2012 Isaiah 9:1-4 by Bob Branch
The Christmas Gift, Part 1

MAIN IDEA: *In the Isaiah 9 prophecy concerning Jesus, there is a fresh invitation to know Him, to welcome Him, to receive Him... and everything that comes with Him.*

² The people walking in darkness have seen **a great light**;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people 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 their deeds will be exposed. **John 3:19–20**

1. Jesus brings **LIGHT** into my darkness.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12**^(1:5)

How do you relate to His light?

(1 John 1:5-7; 2:9-10)

What is bringing darkness into your life today?

³ You have enlarged the nation and **increased their joy**;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

2. Jesus brings **JOY** into my sadness.

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." **Luke 2:10-11**

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. **1 Peter 1:8** NLT (John 15:11)

How is your joy today?

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, **you have shattered the yoke that burdens them**, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

3. Jesus brings **FREEDOM** from my oppression.

What binds us?

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me... to set the oppressed free"
Luke 4:18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **2 Corinthians 3:17**

So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. **John 8:36** NLT