

A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT
2008 Advent Season
"The True Light Special"
John 1:6-23 (Pew Bible Page750)

Christmas has always been associated with "Lights"

- The first candles on a Christmas tree: MARTIN LUTHER
- The first electric Christmas lights: 1895
- The First Christmas had THE ANGELS and THE STAR

The Celebration of Christmas is The True Light Special!

"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

"I have come into the world as Light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness"
John 12:46

"In Him was life and that life was the Light of men. The Light shines in darkness but the darkness has not understood it"
John 1: 4-5

Jesus is the True Light Special of Christmas

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."
Isaiah 9:2

Hemant Mehta I Sold My Soul on E Bay

"Is being lonely, desperate or down a prerequisite for finding Christ? Do I have to go through a trauma or crisis before I find meaning in life?"
Hemant Mehta

He missed the value of The True Light Special

1. The Light of Jesus can GET YOU out of darkness
2. The Light of Jesus can KEEP YOU out of darkness
3. The True Light Special of Christ is for the GOOD and BAD

"Santa Claus Theology" says **"YOU BETTER WATCH OUT"**

The True Light of Christmas hangs with the **NAUGHTY AND NICE**

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

The value of Jesus' True Light Special is

- You can not be **GOOD ENOUGH** to be accepted by God
- You can not be **BAD ENOUGH** to not be accepted by God

John the Baptist John 1:6-8

"He, himself, was not the Light; he came only as a witness to the Light" Vs 8

John the Baptist's one purpose in life was to **POINT PEOPLE** to the True Light, Jesus Christ.

"...there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist..." Matthew 11:11

Your responsibility: **POINT PEOPLE TO** The True Light

"The True Light that gives light to every man was coming into the world" John 1:9
Jesus, The True Light can...

Lead you out of **DARKNESS**

Give you life **WORTH LIVING**

Give you something to **SHARE**

Give you **ETERNAL LIFE**