



“LIGHT”

Hello, God – Part One

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THINK OF CHRISTMAS AS... GOD EXPLAINED.

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

THE MISUNDERSTOOD GOD???

- ✓ Mystery – God is we, relationship.
 - ✓ Mystery – Creator dives into creation.
 - ✓ Head-scratcher – “I don’t know why you say goodbye, I say hello!”
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- LIGHT – you guys are in the dark...and worse.
- GRACE – you are trying it all wrong.
- LIFE – you need a whole new life.

LIGHT...

⁴ “In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

John 1:4-5

BECAUSE IN THE DARK...

- Evil, injustice, oppression can flourish.
- Disfigured caricature of God can continue to live in your eyes.
- I'm free to spin all kinds of horrible futures.
- Self-deception is king.
- The fake me can worship the fake god.

PROBLEM: Me gusta darkness. (See John 3:19)

MORE LIGHT PLEASE – light is “HE” not “IT.”

1. RECEIVE – Both a first step and how we take every step after that.
¹¹ “He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”
John 1:11-12

2. RUTHLESS – Be ruthless in bringing light to my own darkness.

3. REFLECT – “Set-up our tent” in close proximity to the dark.

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...”

John 1:14

⁶ “There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light.”

John 1:6-7

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