**Evangel Community Church**

**A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

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*“For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people….”*

*Isaiah 60:2*

 *“call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness”*

*Isaiah 5:20*

**Causes for Hope**

1. It’s not as dark as you think.

2. The Light of the world is come.

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.”*

*Isaiah 9:2*

 *“I will bring the blind by a way they did not know…I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.”*

*Isaiah 42:16*

A. Knowledge, instead of ignorance.

*“The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.”*

*Psalms 119:130*

 *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path”*

*Psalms 119: 105*

B. Lights illuminates out blindness.

 *“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men 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 his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light…”*

*John 3:19-21*

C. Light = Life

*“In him was life, and that life was the light of men”*

*John 1:4.*

 *“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*

3. The Light will triumph in the end!

*“the darkness comprehended it not.”*

*1. John 1:5*

 *“[I will not be afraid of] the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday”*

*Psalms. 91:6*

 *“The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever”*

*Revelations 22:3-5*