

FREEDOM'S GATE

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Manifestation of the **SONS** of God

By Joe Pranger

Did you know that ALL of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God? (Romans 8:19. Note: This verse is not referring to the coming of the Lord; it is referring to the **beginning** of the coming of the Lord. The Lord is coming back on a cloud and that cloud is a great cloud of witnesses, which is us). All people and even all nature (trees, crops, etc.) are waiting. Your spouses are waiting, your children are waiting, the man at the gas station is waiting, the gal at Wal-Mart is waiting, the people at your church are waiting.

Everyone, whether they “know it or not” is looking for power in the sons of men, because God created man to dominate. There is that “something” in **every** man that tells him that life should be good and not filled with problems. If that is true, why are there so many issues in people’s lives and no power? Since problems are so many people’s experience, they **think** problems and issues. They **think** they have no power!

Time for the “Revealing”

If all of creation is looking for the manifestation of the sons of God, what is this **manifestation**? What does that really mean? The Greek word for manifestation is simply “revealing.” It is time for the sons of God to be **revealed**.

You would probably say to me, “I thought we were **hidden** in Christ.” Yes, we are! You are a member in particular “**of**” the LIGHT of the world, Jesus the CHRIST. He is the Light that overcomes all darkness. You were baptized into Him (the Light), hidden in Him, totally covered, nothing left out. Matthew 5:14 says, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.” Wow! You are a living **CHRIST**-mas candle!!! This Light came into you when you accepted Christ and you came into agreement with His purchase of your body with His blood. This Light came into you, the key phrase being “**came into**”. The Light is in you, hidden by your flesh (body of sin). Your old man is a bushel that is hiding the Light. Matthew 5:15: “Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.”

Your Flesh is the Bushel

I would like to share more on the phrase “came into”. Christ came into us when we were born again! This Light was put in us. Colossians 1:27 says, “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Christ in us is the HOPE of glory. If you are hoping for glory, it means you do not have it, or else why would you be hoping (you in Christ is the fulfillment of that glory –

John 17:22). As long as Christ (the Light) is only on the inside of you, the Light is hidden under a bushel – your carnal man is the bushel! Matthew 5:16: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” How do we become a **CHRIST**-mas candle, a lighted city on a hill? It takes many lights together to be a city on a hill, all of us together. The LIGHT must come first, **then** the works can be seen. So much of our lives are spent doing things so the light can be seen, but our flesh is what is always seen. It covers up the Light – our flesh is the bushel. God never intended that His Light should be covered by the carnal man.

Getting the Light out from under the flesh is already done for us “**IN CHRIST**”. You just need to reckon yourself (carnal man) dead, and your spirit man alive to Christ, (the Light). There has been sanctified for you a new and living way, by God “in Christ” through His flesh. We are His flesh and bones on the earth. “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also His offspring (Acts 17:28).” “For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church (the called out ones, the bride) (Ephesians 5:30-32).” “Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God (2 Corinthians 1:21).” God has established us “**IN CHRIST**”. Now pay attention here – Christ in you and you in Him are two completely different places and positions. You in Him is His life superimposed over your life. The Light that was on the inside and was hidden by your body of sin (flesh), is now on the outside.

Christ’s Life is Now Superimposed Over Your Body

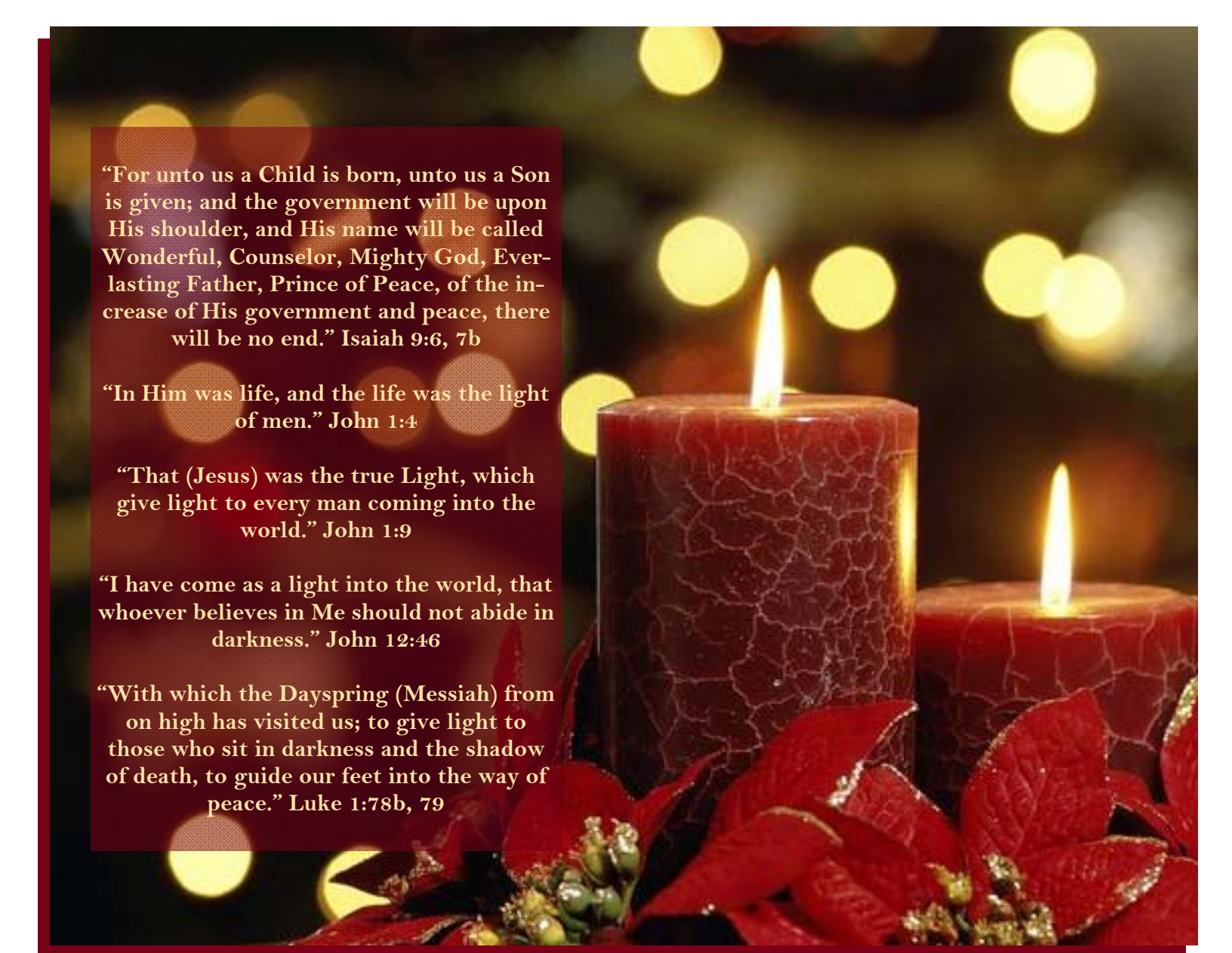
Christ’s life is now superimposed over your body of sin and the Light, which is Christ, has destroyed the darkness of your flesh. This Light has destroyed our darkness and we have already become what He is. “Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: **because as He is, so are we in this world**” (1 John 4:17). So you see, God has already made you into a **CHRIST**-mas candle to be a light in the darkness. Note: You just need to be the candle, you are not the flame that produces the light. The light from the flame you hold is what destroys the darkness. You just let His life and His power flow from you. “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, **we shall be like Him**; for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). The Light of the world!

I have stopped writing a December newsletter article and I am talking to the Lord about me. I just said to Him, “I really know what I just wrote is true, but I find myself for a lot of waking hours, having so little light that I find myself all of a sudden in darkness, doing and being what I don’t want to be. Peace is gone, joy is gone and I have an attitude that’s not right, etc.”(He knows what all the etc.is.)

Knowledge and Experience

Knowledge and experience come mainly from living in the world system – which is seeing, feeling, smelling, hearing, tasting, known as the five senses – and Satan is the god of this world. God said to me, “I am waiting for you and My people to declare that I am God and stop praying that I do something. I have turned My power and authority over to you all. Trust in My ways; you cannot enter into the REST without trusting in all My ways. All...I say, “all.” My ways **start** from a POSITION seated in Christ. NO ONE comes to me except they come through the SON.

“O.K. I understand that, but what about the fact I find myself being what I don’t want to be?” Thoughts and the five senses create



“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, of the increase of His government and peace, there will be no end.” Isaiah 9:6, 7b

“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” John 1:4

“That (Jesus) was the true Light, which give light to every man coming into the world.” John 1:9

“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.” John 12:46

“With which the Dayspring (Messiah) from on high has visited us; to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” Luke 1:78b, 79

knowledge and experience; then they generate more thoughts, which are from carnal reasoning (world system). They attack or twist everything I stand for. Thoughts steal faith, cause division, wars, etc.

“Can I have examples out of Your word?” As I asked, many came to mind. One, I have shared many times. It is about the fisherman, Peter. I see it in the “walking on water” story in Matthew 14:26-32. Peter’s light was bright as long as his thoughts were on Christ and His word, “**come**.” Wow, what a light he was to all of them in the boat. Then Peter’s five senses took over. He started to sink and his light went out because of knowledge and experience “thoughts.” Same Peter – different time; the story is in Matthew 16:14-23. Jesus said, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter said, “Thou art the **CHRIST**, the Son of the Living God! **BIG LIGHT** here because Jesus said, “Flesh and blood did not reveal that to you, but My Father from heaven.”

Revelation Comes From God

No man taught that to Peter, but God in heaven. What a big, big light Peter was to all the disciples because he was really tuned into God’s ways. He was thinking with something **other** than his carnal mind. **BIG** light!! Then Jesus tells the disciples about all that is going to happen in Jerusalem regarding His death. Peter quit listening to the Spirit and started listening to his carnal thoughts and his big light went out. Satan was now putting information into Peter’s mind, his carnal mind. Jesus said, “Get thee behind Me Satan; you are an offense to Me, for you savorest **not** the things of God, but those that be of men.” These scripture phrases came to me regarding my talk with the Lord. There are others to share, but these make the point.

Take captive your thoughts. Deal **quickly** with your adversary! Listen to the still small voice that brings you into peace, joy, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Be still and know that **HE** is **GOD**.

Choose you this day life or death, blessing or cursing, light or darkness. It is a choice that you make. Go **be** a **CHRIST**-mas **CANDLE**! All of creation is waiting for His Light to be burning on you. Partner together and be a lighted city on a hill, for His glory.

BLESSING and **PEACE** on you and your household as celebrate the birth of Christ, Who is the Light!

Make a commitment to be a manifested son/daughter for the Lord in 2009. It will be a good year!

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