

# Christmas *2021*

## “Christmas Lights, Part 1; The Light of Hope”

**INTRO:** *Who doesn't enjoy Christmas lights? There is just something about them that brightens our holiday spirits. This season, Pastor Joe looks at the True Christmas Light, Jesus. Today's message deals with the prophetic Light of hope from Isaiah 9 and its fulfilment in Matthew 4.*

**I. All people need \_\_\_\_\_.** *Israel was being subject to divine judgment in the Prophet's Isaiah's day. Israel was under Roman occupation in Matthew's Gospel. Both peoples needed hope.*

**II. Without \_\_\_\_\_, people languish in \_\_\_\_\_.** *Jews in Isaiah's day felt **gloom, anguish, and contempt** under Judgment. The Jews of Matthew's day felt the same under Roman occupation.*

**III. Share the light of \_\_\_\_\_ this Christmas.** *There are different ways to express it, but there is truly only one source of hope.*

**A.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Christmas depression is real. People need HOPE!*

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Empathy connects people and provides opportunity.*

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*While transferring trust to Jesus (repentance) won't insulate from all pain, His loving presence assuages it.*