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Christmas day

Celebrate the Light

Today and for the next couple of weeks we are celebrating the Light and what it means to us Christians. While we celebrate the Light, it only makes sense to celebrate the day in which the Light came into our world. This is why we celebrate Our Lord Jesus's birthday. The time when the Light of our world became human and took on flesh. St. Athanasius put it beautifully, God became human so that humans could become God-like.

There are many references of light made in and around the birth of Jesus. The idea that God the Father would use light in the sky, in the form of a star, to rest over the place where Our Lord would be born. God the Father is the One who puts all the stars and heavenly bodies in their place. He made sure that this star was where it needed to be, in order to mark and be a beacon to those searching for the Messiah. This star would come to rest in Bethlehem over a manger. Semitic peoples for centuries used the stars at night to navigate the vast deserts to help them get to where they were going. God worked with our knowledge to make sure the Three Kings got to the manger.

The Three Kings would see this star in the sky. They would follow it for many years. Until finally they arrived at the place where the infant Jesus was born. That is a very big commitment to follow a star for that many years. They knew the importance of the star. They understood what it would mean but did not know where it would lead them. We

can only speculate about the prophecies that they knew about concerning the coming of the Messiah. They were important and believable enough to leave their kingdoms and follow a star.

I am sure that the shepherds in the fields must have seen the star. I am sure that they took notice of it while they watched their flocks. The appearance of the angels and their bright radiance confirmed the shepherd's suspicions. The beings of light would tell them where they could find the new born Messiah. The dark night sky would be the road map that would lead them to the manger in Bethlehem.

In the darkness of the night, God provides a star to shed light and to guide many to the Christ Child. Some have said that the dark night and the cave where Jesus was born represented the darkness of our world at that time. God pierces the darkness with a star that pointed the way to the Light of the world. Years later many would come to know that Light as the Saviour, Our Lord Jesus.

Jesus would be revealed as the Light of our World. His ministry amongst us would shatter the darkness of sin that held us captive. The light of His resurrection would grant us all the eternal light of life everlasting. His sacrifice on Calvary would make us Children of God. His coming into our world was marked by the light of a star. His ministry amongst us was to reveal the Light to us. His victory over death and His resurrection was full of light that could not be ignored. The Light dispelled the darkness of our ignorance. We are people of light and we are called to walk in this light daily. To be a beacon to those around us. To be like the star of Bethlehem and point others to Jesus. All of this has its start in a manger in a cave in Bethlehem

This Christmas celebrate the Light and how it came into our world. Celebrate the fact that we the Children of God and a people of the light. God loved us enough to send us a Messiah who would be our light and enlightener. So share and spread that love and light as if it was confetti. God bless you all and have a great Christmas season, stay safe and healthy, Pastor D