



**#1: 2 Corinthians 4:6**

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**#2.**

“ ‘Unto us a child is born’ (Isaiah 9:6), and as he lay in the manger, he looked like any ordinary human baby: a frail thing, eight pounds perhaps, and helpless, needing to be fed and washed and clothed. And yet, after all, not so ordinary. Few newborn babies have to be laid in a manger, and even the superstitions of later ages didn’t make it fashionable. But the circumstances weren’t merely unusual. They were unique. No other mother ever carried such a secret as this young Jewish girl bore in her heart. She was a virgin, but this was her child, conceived in her womb, brought into the world through her labor, and depending on her for everything. He was a miracle, and not just in the sense that every baby is a miracle. This one was from the Holy Spirit, directly. He was pure miracle, a new creation, and although her neighbors would call him, ‘Mary’s and Joseph’s boy,’ that was only half the truth...An angel had told her...he was God’s Son...and as she thought and thought about it, it well-nigh blew her mind. In the mystery of grace and by the almighty word of the Creator Spirit, she was now mother to the Son of God. How could it be? He was eternal, unborn, and uncreated like his Father, but now he had come into her womb, soon she would hear him crying, and one day he would call her Mother.”

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