

Christmas With the Prophets
A Light in the Darkness - JOY!
Isaiah 9:1-7 (page 338)

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We have joy because Light has come into the darkness
(Isaiah 9:1-5; Matthew 4:13-17; John 3:19-21; 8:12)

It is the source of:

- hope (vs 2-3)

- deliverance (vs 4-5)

This joy is the result of the arrival of a Person (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Someone who is both:

- human (v 6ff)

- divine (v 6ff)

This joy is *not* the product of human effort, but is the result of
God's grace!

Think on it..

Take some time and think about the effect of light on darkness.

Why do you think God uses that metaphor so often in Scripture
when talking about Christ, salvation and the world? _____

As Christmas approaches, list the character traits of the "*child who
is born*" / "*son who is given*" in v 6-7 and how each of those
character descriptions influence your life today as you follow
Jesus. _____

How does verse 7, concerning the description of Christ's rule and
future kingdom, impact your thinking about submission to Christ
now and to how you view the future? _____
