"MY GOD...THAT IS WHO YOU ARE" [Zechariah's Prophecy] "Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light WAY MAKER - MIRACLE WORKER - PROMISE KEEPER - LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS **MESSAGE: "LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"** to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace." LUKE 1:78-79, NLT PASTOR GEORGE WASSON **DECEMBER 19, 2021** "This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: In this series, we are inviting you to who Jesus is God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are and to choose Him, and only Him, as your **WAY** lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in MAKER, MIRACLE WORKER, PROMISE KEEPER, and LIGHT IN spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are THE DARKNESS living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. all sin." 1 JOHN 1:5-7, NLT God created everything through him, and nothing was created except [David] "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and path." PSALM 119:105, NLT his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and 2. Jesus makes it possible for us to _____ His light the darkness can never extinguish it.... The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into "I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He salvation to the ends of the earth." ISAIAH 49:6, NLT came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who [Jesus] "If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you of God... So the Word became human and made his home among us. with light." LUKE 11:36, NLT He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son... From his "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But to everyone in the house." MATTHEW 5:14-15, NLT the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He THE CHOICE IS OURS has revealed God to us." JOHN 1:1-5, 9-12, 14, 16-18, NLT [Jesus] "I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all IN THIS LIFE, WE HAVE A CHOICE... who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark." JOHN A Life _____ = A life far from God characterized 12:46, NLT by worry, fear, sadness, sin, hopelessness, struggles, anger, JESUS GIVES US THE PRIVILEGE OF EXPERIENCING... chaos, pessimism, lack of joy and peace, and the like... 1. The light of His _____ A Life = A life close to God characterized by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 2. The joy of His ______

gentleness, self-control, hopefulness, purpose, and the like...

[Jesus] "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't

have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that

1. Jesus makes it possible for us in His light

leads to life." JOHN 8:12, NLT

If we trust in Him, if we invite Him into our life and welcome Him to be our Lord, we will be granted the privilege of experiencing the joy of His salvation forever.

3. The life of His _____