

Light Up Christmas - Light & Hope

Pastor Mark Wilks, JOHN 3:1-21

Big Idea: The reason for the season is Sin.

1. Light is hope because it reveals truth.

- “Born again” means something has to happen to you that you can’t do.
- Jesus’ response proves Jesus is GOD because He answers the question in Nic’s heart.
- Nicodemus is really asking, “Jesus, HOW can you promise a new start?”

2. Light is hope because it gives us direction.

- A new birth is a new start and gives me a new hope.
- Being born again is about recognizing our state of helplessness, and letting the Holy Spirit lift our eyes to the Cross.
- New direction moves me from self-reliance to reliance upon the grace of Christ.

3. Light is hope because it gives us focus.

- Christmas is about choices! Where will I put my hope?
- For much of the world Christ is just like Christmas, here today forgotten tomorrow.
- Jesus did not come to force us out of the darkness.