

Sunrise at Bethlehem

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TEXT: Luke 1:78-79

LETTER A: At the _____ of what we believe, stands the doctrine of _____.

Grace forces us to confront two very difficult truths:

TRUTH #1: There is _____ we can do to contribute to our own _____.

TRUTH #2: If God _____ save us, we will _____ be saved.

LETTER B: We _____ grace in order to _____ grace!

LETTER C: If Christmas _____ anything, it teaches us that God _____ those who _____ they can't help themselves.

LETTER D: Jesus is the "*dayspring*" who brings the _____ into the _____.

“The dayspring from on high has visited us” (KJV).
“The rising sun will come to us from heaven” (NIV).
“God’s sunrise will break in upon us” (MSG).
“A new day from heaven will dawn upon us” (NCV).
“The morning light from heaven” (NLT).

Luke 1:78-79

78 *Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;*

79 *To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

What does the coming of Christ mean to us?

MEANING #1: It is _____ to those who are in _____.

Isaiah 1:18

18 *“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*

LETTER E: Through Isaiah, God had declared that there would be a

“ _____ ” for His people.

MEANING #2: It is _____ to those _____ to death.

LETTER F: As long as we _____ we're okay, or as long as we _____ others, or as long as we make _____ for our bad behavior, we are still living in the darkness of _____.

MEANING #3: It is _____ to those who have _____ their way.

LETTER G: The _____ Jesus brings, is the famed "peace that passes all _____," ... which means that the believer has something the world doesn't _____, can't _____, can't _____, and can never _____.