

Simeon's Cry  
Light Of The World  
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## Introduction

One of my favorite things about our church is all of the natural light. Science has discovered many benefits of natural light but one that has always intrigued me is how it benefits the physiological and psychological functions of the human body.

- Sunlight triggers production of vitamin D.
- Sunlight reduces strain on the eyes
- Sunlight reduces dental problems
- Improves the activity of the nervous system
- Regulates blood pressure
- Hospitals use glass in architectural design because of the benefits of natural light on human health.

Light is a powerful force! Light is transmitted and it is transformational.

## Simeon's Cry

"Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a **light to reveal God to the nations**, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" (Luk 2:29-32 NLT)

- Revelation = apokalypsis - to enlighten in order to reveal something hidden. For example: the apocalypse of John in Revelation.
  - Modern use of the word is always negative. Widespread destruction, the end of the world...etc.

### **The Light Revealing God's Presence - Aaron's Blessing**

The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face **shine** on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' (Num 6:24-26 NASB95)

- The word shine is the same word used at creation, the pillar of fire by night as the Israelites fled Egypt.

### **A Light Of Revelation - how light affects us spiritually.**

For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light. (Psa 36:9 NASB95)

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. ... The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand. (Psa 119:105, 130 NLT)

### **Jesus - the Light Of The World**

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "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 leads to life." (John 8:12 NLT)

### **People Of Light**

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you **produces** only what is good and right and true. (Eph 5:8-9 NLT)

### **Light Transmitted Is Transformational - produces something in you.**

The prefix "trans" has been hijacked in our generation. What it really means is ACROSS. So TRANSportation means to take you across a road or rail. If light transmitted is transformational it means that when we encounter the light of Christ we are changed. We are taken on a journey

across from one shape to another. Just as natural light produces change in our bodies so the light of Christ produces change in us.

## **1 John Truths About Light**

- The Light Of God reveals the true nature of God
  - This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. (1Jo 1:5 NLT)
- The Light Of God draws us into deeper fellowship with one another.
  - But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1Jo 1:7 NLT)
- The Light of God teaches us to love well, dismantling the stronghold of hate and replacing it with the power of putting others before ourselves.
  - If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is still living in darkness. Anyone who loves another brother or sister is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. (1Jo 2:8-10 NLT)

How does the transmission of the Light Of God need to transform you this Christmas season and into the New Year?

- Prioritize time in God's greenhouse. Personal times of worship. Dedicated quiet time. Monday night worship and prayer.
- Measure your transformation and give testimony. We are changed into His likeness.

## **Closing After Last Song**

The Ultimate Fulfillment of Simeon's Prophecy will happen at the end of the age. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. (Rev 21:23-25 NLT)