

It's Awfully Dark!

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In him was life, and the life was the light of men. – John 1:4

A pastor tells of visiting the Island of Bonaire in the Netherlands Antilles where he, along with his sons, explored a small cave. Before returning to the sunlit world above, they decided to extinguish their lantern and get the feel of “total darkness.”

“For a few moments,” he reports, “we were enveloped by the blackest king of night. It was a strange sensation. Yet we were not afraid because we had matches in our pockets and knew how to get back to the entrance.” Total darkness with absolutely no light and no chance of it, however, can be quite frightening.

The New Testament uses the idea of darkness to describe the spiritual condition of man. Millions are hopelessly groping in the dark, unable to find their way, unaware of their own plight.

Some say that education will ultimately bring us out of the shadows of ignorance and superstition and superstition. They are certain that science will be able to provide the answers to such questions as where we have come from and where we are going. They are positive that modern technology and medical breakthroughs will usher in a brighter day.

That may be true but we must not forget that the only way to dispel that inner darkness is by letting Christ be our light every day. That is when life will become truly meaningful, exciting, and enlightening.