



## WEEK 5 - The Light of the World

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined.” Isaiah 9:2

Photophobia is a condition that affects many individuals. It is described as the inability to tolerate light. This can include sunlight, fluorescent light or in extreme cases even daylight. One of the primary causes of this condition is the presence of cataracts. These cataracts cloud the vision and

causes sensitivity to light. Cataract surgery is relatively routine procedure these days and most who have the surgery are amazed at how clearly they can see after the surgery. They usually comment that they had no idea how clouded their vision had been and they are amazed at the clarity of detail and brilliance of colors after the surgery.

The shepherds were overcome with awe and wonder when they saw the light of a multitude of angels announcing the Savior’s birth. The light did not blind them, however. They saw clearly and reacted appropriately. Are there times when our faith walk seems cloudy and we can’t tolerate the Light of Truth? Cloudy vision in our faith walk prevents us from discerning God’s call, recognizing the Shepherd’s voice and moving forward in faith. We can protect our physical eyes by wearing ultraviolet sunglasses, but to maintain clear spiritual vision requires time spent in God’s Word, time spent in prayer and time spent worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ.

When our physical vision is cloudy, we shrink from the light and the colors are dull. When our physical vision is clear and healthy, we welcome the light and even desire to be closer to the light. When our vision is compromised, we prefer to remain in the dark. May we always have clear vision and desire to be close to the Light of Christ!

### Questions to Ponder:

- **What is the darkest place you’ve ever been? How did it feel?**
- **What are some of the physical signs of cloudy vision? What are some of the spiritual signs of cloudy vision?**
- **What steps can you take to improve your spiritual vision?**

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