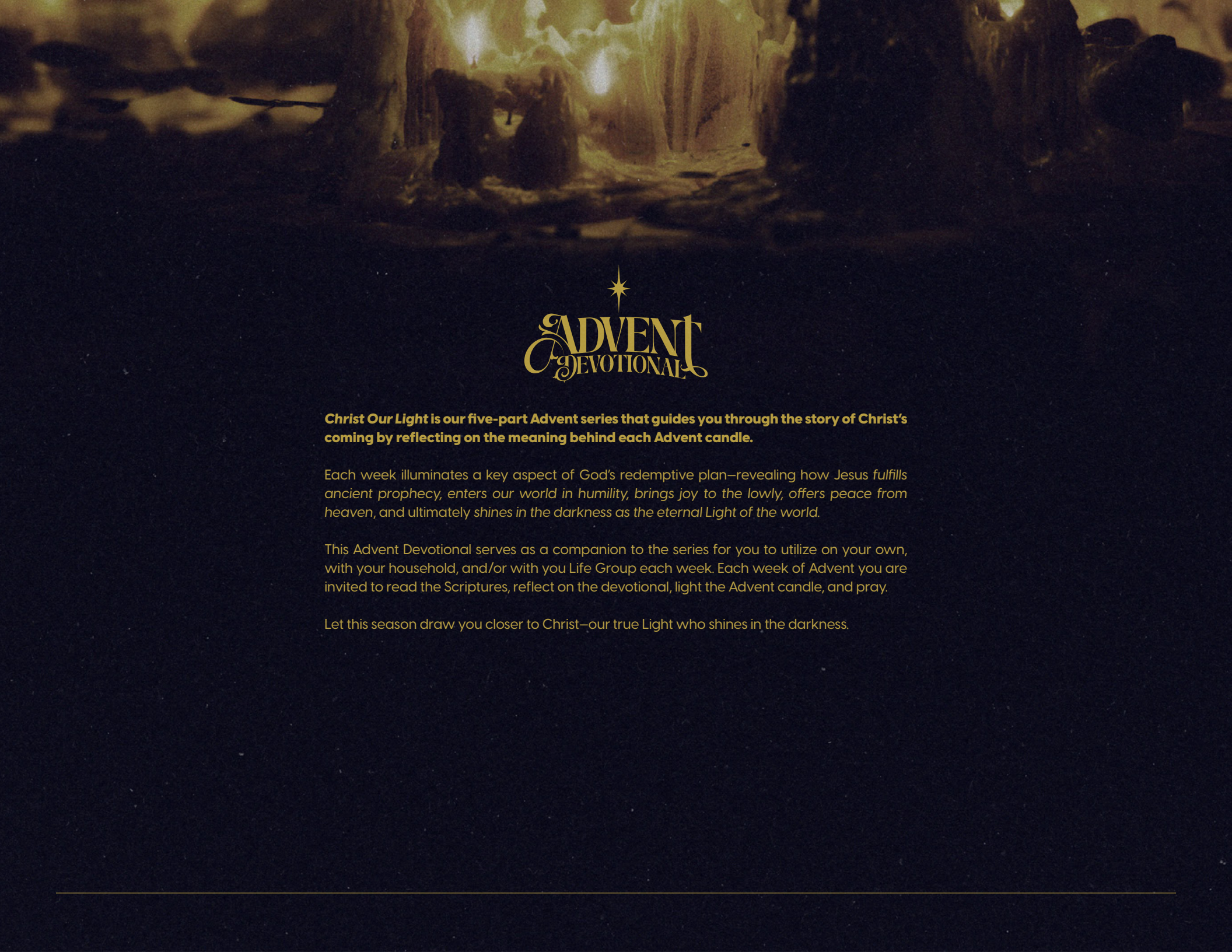


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***Christ Our Light* is our five-part Advent series that guides you through the story of Christ's coming by reflecting on the meaning behind each Advent candle.**

Each week illuminates a key aspect of God's redemptive plan—revealing how Jesus fulfills ancient prophecy, enters our world in humility, brings joy to the lowly, offers peace from heaven, and ultimately shines in the darkness as the eternal Light of the world.

This Advent Devotional serves as a companion to the series for you to utilize on your own, with your household, and/or with you Life Group each week. Each week of Advent you are invited to read the Scriptures, reflect on the devotional, light the Advent candle, and pray.

Let this season draw you closer to Christ—our true Light who shines in the darkness.

THE PROPHECY CANDLE

THE LIGHT OF PROMISE

★ THEME

Hope Fulfilled in Christ

★ SCRIPTURE READING

- **Luke 1:26–33** | The angel Gabriel announces Jesus' birth to Mary.
- **Isaiah 9:2, 6–7** | The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
- **Further Reading** | Prophecies of the birth of Christ that were fulfilled: Genesis 12:3 (Acts 2:25–26); Genesis 17:19 (Rom. 9:7); Genesis 28:14 (Lk. 3:34); 2 Samuel 7:12–13 (Matt. 1:1); Isaiah 7:14 (Lk. 1:35); Hosea 11:1 (Matt. 2:14–15); Micah 5:2 (Matt. 2:4–6).

★ DEVOTIONAL

Long before Jesus was born, God promised to send a Saviour. Through the prophets, He spoke of a coming King who would bring light to a dark world. For centuries, God's people waited and hoped. Even when they couldn't see how His promises would come true, God was faithful.

When Gabriel appeared to Mary, the light of God's promise broke through. The time had come! Every prophecy pointed to Jesus—the One who would save His people and rule with justice and peace. The same God who kept His promises then keeps His promises today.

★ REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is one promise of God that gives you hope when life feels uncertain?
- Why can we trust God even when we don't understand His timing?
- How might you encourage someone this week who feels like they are waiting in the dark?

★ APPLICATION

When life feels uncertain or dark, we can hold onto the promises of God. He is faithful to His Word. Take time to name some of God's promises in Scripture and thank Him for keeping them in Jesus.

★ PRAYER

"Lord, thank You for keeping Your promises. Thank You for sending Jesus, the Light of the world. Help us to trust You even when we can't see what You're doing. Amen."

THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

THE LIGHT OF PREPARATION

★ THEME

Peace in God's Plan

★ SCRIPTURE READING

- **Luke 2:1–7** | Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
- **Micah 5:2–5a** | From Bethlehem will come a Saviour to lead God's people.
- **Further Reading** | The birth in Bethlehem set the table for the humble, servant-hearted, self-sacrificing ministry of Jesus: *Matthew 20:28, 23:11–12; John 13:3–5, 15:13; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:5–8.*

★ DEVOTIONAL

God chose an unlikely place for the Saviour's birth—Bethlehem, a small and humble town. It was not grand or powerful, but it was where God's plan unfolded perfectly. The journey to Bethlehem reminds us that God often works through simple, quiet, and even difficult circumstances to bring about His purposes.

In Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace was born into a world of conflict and need. God was preparing the way for peace—not through power, but through humility. Jesus came as one of us, born in a manger, to bring us peace with God.

★ REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Why is it significant that the birth of Christ in the little town of Bethlehem both connects to Kingship *and* humility?
- What does it mean that Jesus brought peace through humility?
- How can you make room for Jesus in your hearts and home this week?
- When have you seen God working through something seemingly inconsequential or unexpected?

★ APPLICATION

Sometimes God's plans don't look the way we expect, but they are always good. Think about how you can prepare your heart for Jesus—by slowing down, serving others, and trusting God's wisdom in every detail.

★ PRAYER

"Lord, thank You that You work through humble places and quiet moments. Help us to prepare our hearts for You. Bring Your peace into our home and our world. Amen."

THE SHEPHERDS' CANDLE

THE LIGHT OF JOY

★ THEME

Joy in the Good News

★ SCRIPTURE READING

- **Luke 2:8–14** | The angels announce good news to the shepherds.
- **Isaiah 40:9–11** | Good news of God's coming to shepherd His people.
- **Further reading** | Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep: *Psalms 23; John 10:11–18; Hebrews 13:20–21; 1 Peter 2:24–25.*

★ DEVOTIONAL

The shepherds were ordinary people doing ordinary work when God's glory burst into the night sky. The angel's message brought good news of great joy for all people: the Saviour had been born! The shepherds ran to see the Child, and after seeing Him, they couldn't help but tell others.

In the ancient world shepherds were viewed as uneducated, untrustworthy, unclean, social outsiders. That God chose the humble shepherds to be the first to hear the news reminds us that the gospel is for everyone! Deep, eternal joy isn't found in things or success—it's found in knowing Jesus, the Good Shepherd who knows us, loves us, and gave His life for us.

When the shepherds saw baby Jesus, they praised God and told everyone what they had seen. God's love is too great to keep to ourselves. The more we experience His love, the more we are moved to show it to others—in kindness, forgiveness, and grace.

★ REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What brings you joy about knowing Jesus personally?
- How can you share joy with others this week?
- What does it mean that Jesus knows you by name, like a shepherd knows his sheep?

★ APPLICATION

Joy grows when we share the good news. This week, find ways to bring joy to others—write a note, share an encouragement, or tell someone about Jesus' love. Let your joy in Christ shine.

★ PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, thank You for being our Good Shepherd. Fill our hearts with joy that comes from knowing You. Help us share Your love and good news with others. Amen."

THE ANGELS' CANDLE

THE LIGHT OF LOVE

★ THEME

Love That Shines for All

★ SCRIPTURE READING

- **Luke 2:8–20** | The angels praise God; the shepherds go to see Jesus.
- **Further Reading** | The love of God in Christ: *Psalm 36:5–7; Lamentation 3:22–24; John 3:16–17, 15:9–13; Romans 5:8, 8:35–39; Ephesians 2:4–7; 1 John 4:7–12.*
- **Further Reading** | The theme of angels' rejoicing about the redemptive work of Jesus: *Job 38:7; Psalm 148:1–2; Isaiah 6:2–4; Luke 15:10; Revelation 5:11–12, 19:1–10.*

★ DEVOTIONAL

The angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest!” because God’s love had come down to earth. In Jesus, we see what love truly looks like—not just words, but a gift. God loved us so much that He sent His Son to rescue us. Let this thought fill you with wonder: Love came down and was placed in a manger.

The angels rejoiced because the birth of Jesus represented God’s ultimate act of love, revealing his long-promised plan for salvation and reconciliation with humanity. The angels, who exist in God’s presence, were witnessing the moment when God closed the distance between heaven and earth – and He did it for love.

★ REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How has God shown His love to you this year?
- Who is someone you can show God’s love to this week?
- Why is it important for Christians to love even when it’s hard?

★ APPLICATION

This week, look for ways to reflect God’s love—especially to those who are hard to love or who could use the practical love and light of Jesus this Christmas season. Talk about one act of love you can do for someone in need this week.

★ PRAYER

“Father, thank You for showing Your love for us through your Son Jesus. Help us to live in light of your love and to love others the way You have loved us. May Your love shine through our lives. Amen.”



THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

★ THEME

Christ Our Light Has Come

★ SCRIPTURE READING

- **Luke 2:25–32** | Simeon rejoices to see the Lord's salvation.
- **Further Reading** | The true light has come into our world and God shines His light in our hearts through Christ: *Isaiah 9:2, 60:1–3; Matthew 17:2; John 8:12, 12:35–36; 2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 21:23–25, 22:5.*
- **Further Reading** | The Word is a light and Jesus is the physical embodiment and ultimate expression of God's will, word, and being: *Psalms 119:105, 130; Proverbs 6:20–23; John 1:1–5, 9–14.*

★ DEVOTIONAL

All Advent we've been waiting—and now we celebrate: The Light has come! Jesus Christ is born, and through Him, God's salvation has appeared to all people. Simeon held baby Jesus and called Him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel."

Jesus is the Light that darkness cannot overcome. He shines into our hearts, gives us life, and leads us in truth. At Christmas, we remember not just that Jesus was born, but that He still shines today—saving, guiding, and transforming us; and one day will come again to restore the earth and shine so bright for all eternity that there will be no need for the sun or moon in the sky because the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb (Rev. 21:23).

★ REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How has Jesus shone into your life?
- How can you let His light shine through your words and actions this week? (*Isa. 49:6; Matt. 5:14–16*)
- Where do you see His light overcoming darkness in your world today?

★ APPLICATION

Let Christ's light shine in you this week. Read the Christmas story and thank God for sending His Son. Consider the ways you can reflect His light in your relationships, neighbourhood and community.

"I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)

★ PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world. Thank You for coming to bring hope, peace, joy, and love. Shine in our hearts and through our lives, so others may see You and give glory to God. Amen."

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