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"SHINE!" Isaiah 60:1-3 Pastor Steve Cavallaro

I. How is darkness a problem in this promise of hope? (vv. 2)

"For behold, darkness shall cover/covers the earth" "and thick darkness (covers) the peoples;"	
Darkness conceals	and
Genesis 1:2 Isaiah 59:9 John 3:19 Romans 1:21 Ephesians 4:18	

"Hence infer that we are overwhelmed by darkness till God shine upon us with the testimony of adoption by free grace."

-John Calvin

"As a dispensation of grace, (the gospel) offends the pride of man; as a dispensation of holiness, it contradicts his desires and passions."

-John Newton

II. How does God answer this darkness? What hope does Isaiah declare? (vv. 1-2)

"your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."

"the LORD will arise upon you"

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The _____ of the Son arises bringing _____.

Psalms 18:28; 27:1; 36:9; 118:27 Matthew 27:45 John 1:9, 14 2 Corinthians 4:6 1 John 1:5 Revelation 21:23-24

"The earth is considered as involved in a state of gross darkness; but the sun, the Sun of righteousness, is about to arise, and to fill it, by his beams, with light, life, and glory."

-John Newton

III. So, what does this mean today? (vv. 1, 3)

"Arise, shine, for your light has come"

"And the nations shall come to your light"

Shine in _____ & ____ so the nations walk in His light.

Exodus 10:23 Philippians 2:14-16

"Darkness shall still cover those who reject him; yea, their darkness will be increased. But the glory of the Lord shall be seen by all who believe, and their numbers from age to age shall be enlarged."

-John Newton

"... it is not just that they are bathed in light but that they are irradiated, inwardly charged with new, outshining life."
-Alec Motyer

BIG IDEA: Jesus dispels the darkness in bringing salvation.