

Mirror, Mirror... "Recap!"

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Series Mnemonics... "Just say NO!" "Just say, YES!" "No 'hold' on me!" "Fright night!" "Signed, sealed, delivered, I'm Yours!" "And so on and so on and so on!" "Let the Good Times roll!" "Loose lips sink ships!" "The Incredibles!"

Christmas Series Mnemonics: "GIRL-POWER!" "AIN'T NOTHING LIKE THE REAL THING BABY!" "THE WISE GUYS!" "Ch-ch-ch-Changes!" **Today: An image of Christ incomplete without US!**

Mirror, mirror verse... "Humbly accept the implanted word which is able *to save your souls*. Be a doer of the word and not a listener only, deceiving yourself. If anyone is a hearer only, he is like a man who looks at himself in a mirror, walks away and quickly forgets what he looked like. *But if anyone sees himself in the word of God and is a hearer and a doer of it, he is like a man who never forgets who he is! This one will be blessed in his doings!*" **James 1.21-25**

The Light of the World! "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined... for unto us a child is born, a son I given, and the rule will be on His shoulder and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of peace..." **Isaiah 9.2-6**

The Light of the World! "In Him (Christ) was life and the life was the light of men. And the light shined in the darkness but the darkness didn't comprehend it (Him)... *and there was a man sent from God... to bear witness of the Light that through him might all believe...* he was sent to bear witness of the TRUE Light, who gives light to every man, who was coming into the world!" **John 1.4-9**

The Light of the World! In a flash of revelation Mary saw the coming of the Light of the World! "Let it be unto me as you have said!" **Luke 1.26-38** In a nighttime flash of light the shepherds saw the Light of the World! "And when they saw Him they made it known; what was said to them about the child and all who heard, wondered!" **Luke 2.8-18** In the light of the promise fulfilled, Simeon saw the Light of the World! "I can die in peace for my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all people...!" **Luke 2.21-32** In the appearance of a night light the Wise men saw His star rising and in revelation light, saw the Light of the World in toddler form! **Matthew 2.1-12** Thirty years later, John saw the heaven's opened for the revelation of the Son of God and bore record! **John 1.32** "He came to His own and (many) didn't receive Him!" **John 1.11** "And their condemnation was that Light had come into the world, but the men loved their darkness more than light because their words were evil!" **John 3.19** "To as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become sons and daughters of God; to all those who believe on His name!" **John 1.12** "I am the light of the world: he that follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8.12** "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **John 9.5**

He left to return to His Father and sent back the Holy Spirit to ignite us!

Light of the World! "You are (now truly) the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. *Men do not light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it gives light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" **Matt 5.14**

And now the Light of the World, that lights the way for mankind, is not complete without our lights showing!

“Ta-daaaa!” (?)

“You” as the Light? Want your “light to rise in (from) obscurity? And your darkness to become as a noon day sun? Want to be guided by the Light and equipped for future dry spells? Want to be like a watered garden and springs of water that never fail? Want your progeny to succeed and spread out and you to be called a restorer of the generations? Then, “Draw out your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul... loose the bands of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens of others, *let the oppressed go free, break every yoke!* Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, and don’t hide yourself from the needs of your own flesh! **Isaiah 58.6-12**

This is not a checklist, it is a leading... to... BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY!

We don’t want to deceive ourselves and we certainly don’t want to forget who we are...

“Christ is life and His life is the light of men. His light shined in darkness but the darkness didn’t comprehend Him... so there was someone sent from God... named _____, to bear witness of the Light that through _____ all might hear and believe! _____ was not the light but was sent to bear witness of the TRUE Light, who lights every one who sees and believes!” John 1.4-9