Now that Christmas is over and we are well into the first month of a new year, I've had time to take a deep breath and observe the winter season. There is something I've become acutely aware of lately. We are not created to be nocturnal beings, meaning God did not give us night vision.

According to His word, He made the sun to rule by day and a lesser light to rule by night. Although sometimes a day can be so cloudy and dreary (as it has been lately) that it's hard to be sure the sun is still shining above the clouds. However, it is just waiting to break through and warm us again. It is also hard to hold onto the fact that no matter if the night is so dark the moon and stars cannot shine through, they are still there. If we attempt to defy the darkness we only stumble and fall and wind up with skinned knees or a busted nose. Our bodies are so attuned to sunlight we can become depressed to the point of being actually sick if we see no sunlight for many days. No artificial light, not even electric power, can fully take the place of the natural light God gave us.

More importantly we were created to live in the light of God's love. Yet man will try to substitute the joy of living in the light of His Son with every worldly pleasure known to the human race. Where does that leave us? Just stumbling around in the darkness, bruising and banging ourselves up and getting nowhere fast.

Jesus said, "He is the light of the world." (John 12:46) Those who reject the plan of salvation will never see this marvelous light in this world nor the next. How much happier will we be when we accept the greatest gift of light ever given? That is the gift given on Calvary. How sad to see a life wasted on the temporary things of this life and miss eternity in heaven.

If there is one precious soul who reads this that has not accepted this great light, please follow the directions in Romans 10:9 and never stumble in darkness again. God's word states that it is not His will that any should perish but all should come to repentance and live.

God's blessings be with you through the coming year.

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