

**“...light to those who sit in darkness...”**

Luke 1:76-79

1. The darkness is \_\_\_\_\_ us.
2. God is moved with \_\_\_\_\_, and responds with His \_\_\_\_\_!
3. God’s Messiah will lead us from the \_\_\_\_\_ into His way of \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul speaks of a certain kind of “darkness” – the “hidden things of shame” [II Cor. 4:2]:

*What are some of the “hidden things of shame”?*

*How do these “hidden things of shame” kill us?*

*How do we keep them hidden?*

*Why do we keep them hidden?*

*How can we expose “the hidden things” to the light?*

**“While in the absence of light, darkness seems to wield unlimited power, it is no match for light whenever it comes to a conflict...however devouring and devastating its power may seem...darkness must yield wherever light shines.”**

Marcus Barth, “Commentary on Ephesians”