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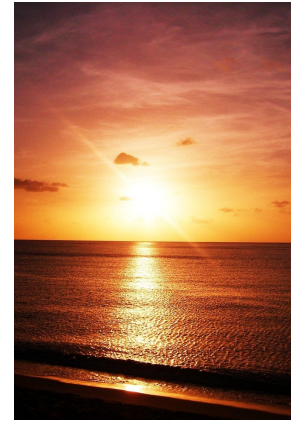
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May we never cease to show forth the praises and the excellencies of the One who has called us **out of darkness into His marvelous light** (1 Peter 2:9). John Darby’s translation is helpful: God “has shone in our hearts **for the shining forth** of the knowledge of the glory of God in [the] face of [Jesus] Christ.” This indicates that there is to be a **shining forth** of this light to others: “**Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

Physically, the **sun** is the light of our world today; spiritually, the **Son**, the Lord Jesus, is the light of the world, making it possible for us to walk in the light as He is in the light (John 8:12; 1 John 1:7). **Let there be light** as we shine forth to those who desperately need to know Him!

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