

## Faith Life Weekly 1/4/10

### Reflection:

Happy New Year!

One of the things that I would like to pass on to you in this New Year is Jesus' light.

We all remember singing the song "This little light of mine" when we were really little. It was one of our favorite songs. "I'm gonna let it shine".

Well let me pass that on to you in this new year.

The gospel of John begins in this fashion: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. In Him was life, and the life was the light to all humankind. The true light which enlightens all human beings was coming into the world."

John takes us back to the very beginning moments of time. He links this true light to the first book of the Bible where God created the universe. God created. God said, "Let there be light!" and there was light."

So what can be clearer than this? This little light, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

The true light is Jesus Christ. This week we celebrate Epiphany, which is the guiding of the wise men to the birth of Jesus by the bright star.

Jesus is the true light, friend. Sometimes we talk of the light of understanding. Jesus is that light. Jesus imparts light to our darkness, whatever it is, however it occurs in life. Jesus imparts life.

Now we can wax eloquently on all kinds of theological words but I am not sure the world is so understanding of these. But this much they understand: Light and Darkness, Day and Night, Sun, and Moon.

I don't want to say this because it is a phrase from a different religion altogether, but I will anyway because it is part of what the world understands in the world's terms – Yin and Yang.

That much the world understands. Jesus is the Light. He is our day. He is our sun in the world's darkness.

So how about if we let our lights shine in this new year?

### SONG:

"In the Light",

by Toby Mac, and DC Talk

I keep trying to find a life

On my own, apart from You

I am the king of excuses

I've got one for every selfish thing I do

What's going on inside of me?

I despise my own behavior

This only serves to confirm my suspicions

That I'm still a man in need of a Savior

(chorus)

I wanna be in the Light

As You are in the Light

I wanna shine like the stars in the heavens

Oh, Lord be my Light and be my salvation

Cause all I want is to be in the Light

All I want is to be in the Light

The disease of self runs through my blood

It's a cancer fatal to my soul

Every attempt on my behalf has failed

To bring this sickness under control

Tell me, what's going on inside of me?

I despise my own behavior

This only serves to confirm my suspicions

That I'm still a man in need of a Savior

(repeat chorus)

Honesty becomes me  
[There's nothing left to lose]  
The secrets that did run me  
[In Your presence are defused]  
Pride has no position  
[And riches have no worth]  
The fame that once did cover me  
[Has been sentenced to this Earth]  
Has been sentenced to this Earth

Tell me, what's going on inside of me?  
I despise my own behavior  
This only serves to confirm my suspicions  
That I'm still a man in need of a Savior

(repeat chorus 2x)

[There's no other place that I want to be]  
[No other place that I can see]  
[A place to be that's just right]  
[Someday I'm gonna be in the Light]  
[You are in the Light]  
[That's where I need to be]  
[That's right where I need to be]

**R.F.**