

*The light of the Savior can glow within us if He is in our hearts.*

Currently there is a commercial running about two guys across the street from each other talking about their insurance. As one guy speaks to his neighbor, the other neighbors house continues to fill up with lights and finally his whole house and yard is filled with lights and Christmas decorations. The final scene in the commercial shows an astronaut looking down at the earth and says, "Houston, are you seeing this!" It shows a blinking light on the earth surface seen from space. When I was putting up my outside lights, my grandson was helping me. Then he asked me if the astronauts would be able to see my lights from outer space. It's funny was kids will remember while watching TV!

This statement got me thinking. When Jesus is looking down from heaven, does He see blinking lights coming from our hearts. Are they filled with peace and joy while celebrating His birth over 2000 years ago. Do we proclaim like the angels did and spread peace on earth by offering goodwill toward your family, friends and neighbors? Christmas season is busy for many of us, but are we truly enjoying the reason for the season? Or has it become a burden, so much that we dread the Christmas season.

This Christmas, believe in Christ and in His power to purify your hearts so that the day star, the Savior of the world, the bright and morning star, may arise in your hearts and be your guide as you celebrate Christmas. If you do that, you will begin this year with much, much more than New Year's resolutions. You will be a shining star for all to see.

*Merry Christmas from my family to yours,*

*Deacon Mike*