Without light, instinct and habit will rule our lives!

We all know the feeling - it's mid-winter, a blizzard rages outside, it's totally dark and **BOOM**, electric power goes out.

-Step one: feel your way to the flashlight
-Step two: use the flashlight to find the candles and matches.
-Step three: light a fire in the wood stove
-Step four: regret you installed an electric cooking stove
-Step five: wait for the local power company to find and fix the problem!

In some ways, it's not a life-changing event, unless grandma is on oxygen and now her oxygen concentrator doesn't work; or unless you ran out of firewood; or unless your flashlight batteries are dead; or unless you're out of matches/butane lighters. *Things can go side-ways fast!*

Then comes the *habit frustrations:* you flip the light switch every time you enter a dark room; you head for the electric range before you remember, "That won't work!" You pick up the laptop to contact the power company to report your outage… OOPS, the router has no power. You pick up the cell phone only to find the power outage hit the cell towers also! UGH! Nothing, ***nothing*** works!

It is exactly the same with ***spiritual darkness.*** The source of the problem is *the absence of the light,* ***Jesus, the light of the world.***

-Step one: you feel you way through problems with emotions, not God's truth.
-Step two: you grope through darkness looking for human answers, but the batteries are dead.
-Step three: you look for sources of light and warmth - only to find nothing that really works.
-Step four: You regret you installed "humanism 2.0" in your brain rather than Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
-Step five: you wait for someone, somewhere, somehow, to rescue you, your family, your whole culture from the evil, horrible consequences of leaving the "light of the world" out of your whole culture.

Obviously the answer to the cultural and spiritual challenges (failures) in our modern world is to quit operating on human instinct and habit and return to what Jesus brought with Him when He came to earth, "**And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."**

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Further study: Isaiah 19; Ezekiel 22; John 8:22; 1 John 1:5-10; John 1:1-14