

*What reason do we have to rejoice?*

**1. God has ended our darkness (vv. 1–5)**

Zebulun & Naphtali - Contemptible, despised peoples become those that first see the glorious thing God is doing. (Matt 4:12–17)

Oppressive rule is broken - like when Gideon defeated the Midianites (Jud 7–8)

The end of wars - weapons (Isa 2:4), now even the clothes (v. 5)

*Col 1:13 - from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of the Son*

**2. God has given us a King (vv. 6–7)**

The greatest gift - a son who is fully man and fully God.

Wonderful Counsellor (in a world of confusion)

Mighty God (in a world of unbelief)

Everlasting Father (in a world of broken homes)

Prince of Peace (in a world of wars)

Eternal reign of peace, justice and righteousness.

*Can we be the ones to bring our friends true light in this dark world. Who could you invite?*

*There's lots people get excited about - let's rejoice in the greatest gift this Christmas!*