

The
Exchange
part 2

The nature of
DARKNESS
and **LIGHT**

GENESIS 1:2-5A NLT

² The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

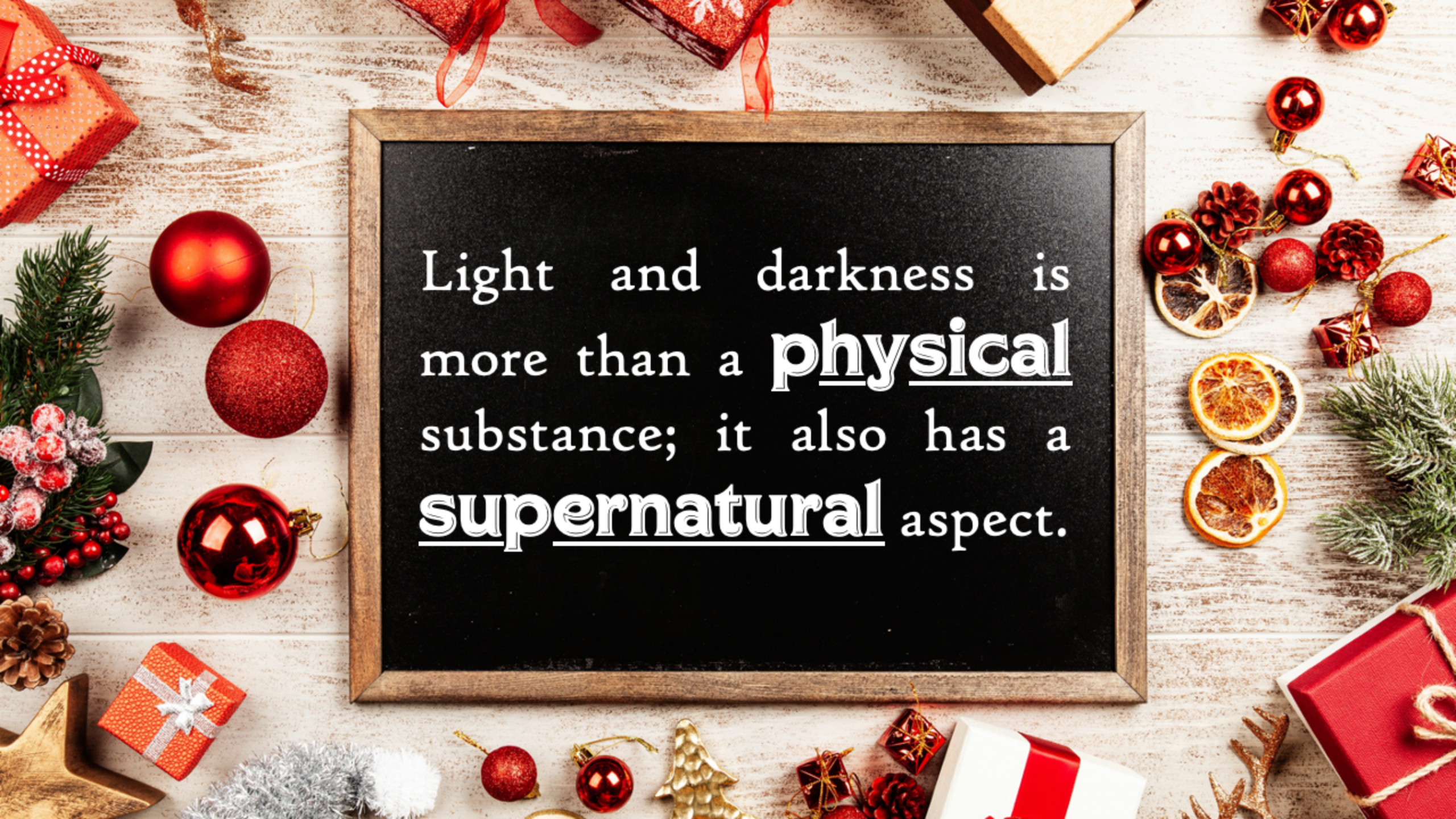
⁴ And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day” and the darkness “night.”



EXODUS 10:21 ESV

²¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.”





Light and darkness is
more than a physical
substance; it also has a
supernatural aspect.

ISAIAH 9:2 NLT

² The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness,
a light will shine.



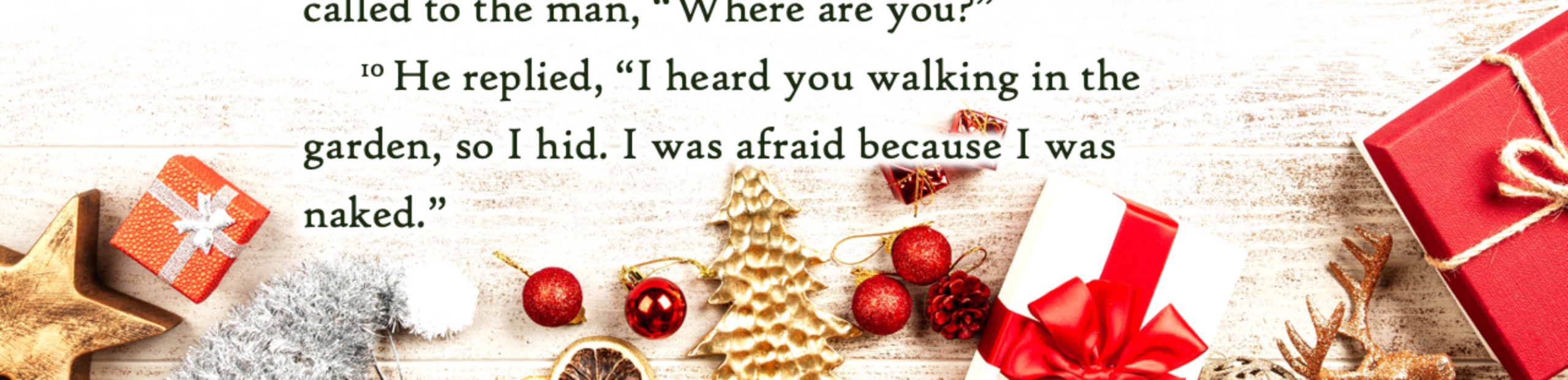
The image features a central text overlay on a light-colored, horizontally-grained wooden background. The text reads "What the darkness brings". The word "darkness" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font and is underlined with a thin red line. The remaining words "What the" and "brings" are in a black, serif font. Surrounding the text are several wrapped gifts of various sizes and colors, including gold, red, and white, some with ribbons and bows, and others with twine or polka-dot patterns.

What the darkness brings

GENESIS 3:8-13 NLT

⁸ When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”



GENESIS 3:8-13 NLT

¹¹ “Who told you that you were naked?” the LORD God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”

¹² The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”



GENESIS 3:8-13 NLT

¹³ Then the LORD God asked the woman,
“What have you done?”

“The serpent deceived me,” she replied.
“That’s why I ate it.”





What the darkness brings

Darkness brings hiding.

Darkness brings confusion.

Darkness brings fear.

Darkness brings shame.



What the darkness brings

Darkness brings blame.

Darkness brings curses.

Darkness brings separation.

A collection of wrapped gifts in various colors and sizes is scattered around the edges of a light-colored wooden plank background. The gifts include a large tan gift with a red ribbon, a large tan gift with a brown ribbon, a large red gift with a white ribbon, a large red gift with a twine bow, a small tan gift with a twine bow, a small orange gift with a silver ribbon, and a small red gift with a white ribbon. A light blue and white striped gift is also visible at the top center.

What the Light brings

GENESIS 3:15 NIV

5 And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”



JOHN 1:4-5 NLT

- 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.



JOHN 8:12 NLT

¹²Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”





What the Light brings

The Light exchanges hidden for found.

The Light exchanges confusion for direction.

The Light exchanges fear for peace.

The Light exchanges shame for acceptance.



What the Light brings

The Light exchanges blame for guiltless.

The Light exchanges curses for blessing.

The Light exchanges separation for closeness.

The results of this
Light and darkness
exchange.

The Light changes
who we belong to.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:5 NLT

⁵ For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night.



The Light changes
how we live.

EPHESIANS 5:8-9 NLT

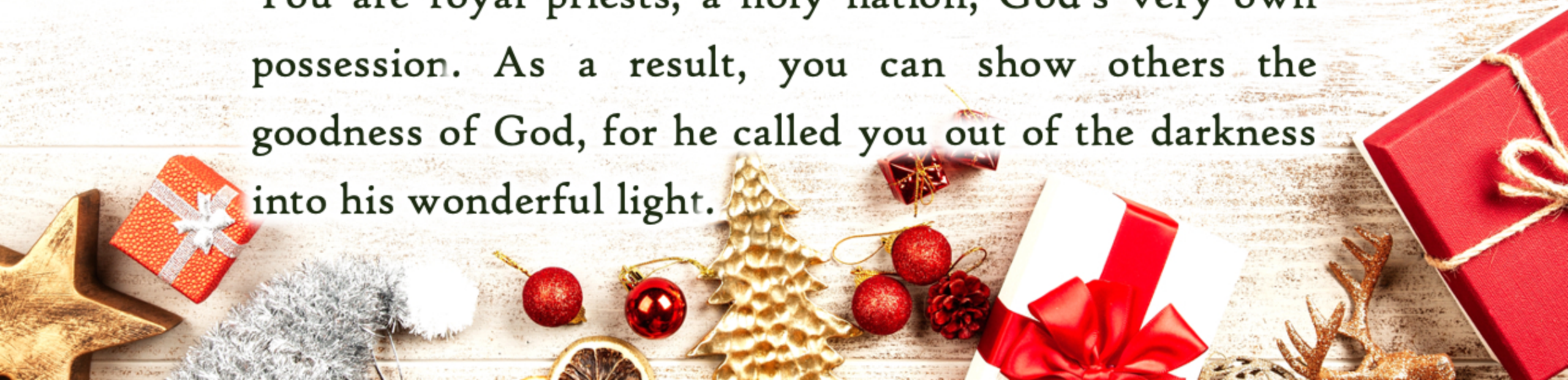
⁸ For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! ⁹ For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.



The Light changes
our identity.

1 PETER 2:9 NLT

⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.



The Light changes
our mission.

MATTHEW 5:14-16 NLT

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand,



The Light changes
our mission.

MATTHEW 5:14-16 NLT

where it gives light to everyone in the house.
¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

