



# The Ideas

## Behind Christmas: **DARKNESS**

John 1:1-5, 9

Introduction: Without the reality of darkness there would be no Christmas at all.

**Idea #1:** The world is in the GRIP of darkness.

⇒ What does that mean?

- We are VULNERABLE (Genesis 2:15-17, 25).
- We are SUSPICIOUS of God (Genesis 3:1-5).
- We are REBELS at heart (Genesis 3:6).
- We are BROKEN (Genesis 3:8-12).
- We are TRAPPED (Genesis 3:14-19).

⇒ What does this have to do with Christmas?

- It eliminates our naïve ROMANTICISM.
- It restores our WONDER and GRATITUDE.

Concluding Questions:

⇒ Do you take the darkness in your soul seriously enough?

⇒ Are you filled with wonder and gratitude? If not, what's getting in the way?