

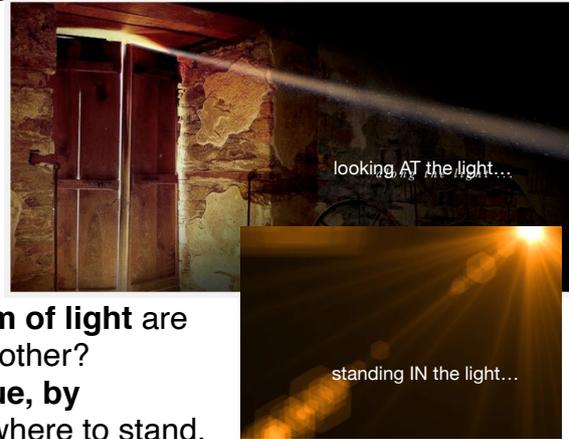


Secondly, what gave him the right to be **“THE light of the World?** In response, Jesus explained that he had the authority to speak this truth because he was sent from God the Father; everything he did was informed by God the Father; and he would return to God the Father. The religious people found it hard to accept Jesus words. They didn't want change! **Was Jesus speaking truth or not?** How would you find out? It's a matter of perspective!

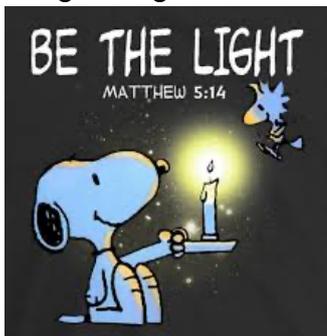
C.S.Lewis stood in his dark shed one day; “Through the crack at the top of the door there came a sunbeam. “From where I stood, that beam of light, with the specks of dust floating in it, was the most striking thing in the place.

Everything else was almost pitch-black”. He was looking at the beam, from outside of it. **He then stepped into the light** and what happened next amazed him. “Then I moved, so that the beam fell on my eyes. Instantly the whole previous picture vanished. I saw no toolshed, and no beam. Instead, bathed in sunlight, I saw things differently. Although 90 odd million miles away, I felt the the sun.”

Looking at the the beam of light and **standing in the beam of light** are very different experiences. Is one better, more true, than the other? C.S.Lewis concluded **“We just have to find out which is true, by responding to the matter in hand”** It is up to us to decide where to stand.



So What? As we left the underground cavern and headed back to the surface we literally ‘saw the light’ at the end of the tunnel and walked towards it! We had a growing sense of relief, warmth, colours, freedom and safety. **Light is good news.**



In our world, our communities, even within ourselves, it's not hard to see a lot of darkness that might overwhelm us. As we come back to school, Covid 19 remains a real issue. You may be worried about catching the virus; anxious about re-adjusting to routine; fearful of being around people again. **God invites us to step into the light** and share our concerns with him through prayer. It is in these moments, that we **choose to step towards him and find hope,** truth, strength and comfort, that we feel Him. Living in the light will mean we have to act differently sometimes, stand up for people, serve

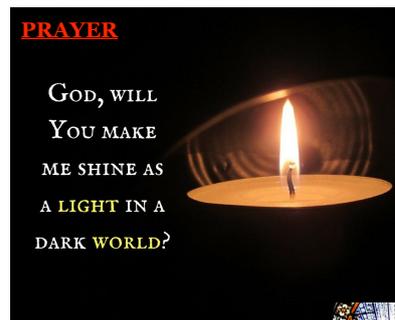
others and follow God...but isn't that better than living in darkness? Imagine how following Jesus could impact the world around us!

Step out, live in the light and Let your Light Shine!

Chaplain's Challenge:

1. Name as many different sources or kinds of light as you can.
2. Explore an aspect of Light - illustrate your findings or write a blog about its' properties.
3. Who or what is 'the light of your life'?
4. What is the darkest place you've ever been? How did it feel? Describe coming back into light.
5. Look at the picture of sunlight breaking over the hills and consider Jesus' words **‘I AM the light of the World**
6. Read Matthew 5:14 (below) What is your response? What would that look like in school?
7. Find out more about C.S.Lewis views on christianity by reading 'God in the Dock'

REFLECT: Referring to his disciples, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine** before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.



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