

Matthew 1:1

THE LIGHT SHINES ON MEN: (The revelation of God's grace through humanity)

1. Jesus overcomes your failures by His grace.

The descendants of Abraham and of David were: (2-16)

- people who were unfaithful
- people who were immoral
- people who were idolatrous

God's dealing with Abraham and David's descendants was always characterized by grace.

2. Jesus overcomes your unfaithfulness by His faithfulness.
  
3. Jesus overcomes your past by giving you His future. (Hebrews 6:19; Hebrews 10:23; 1 Peter 1:3)
  1. What man cannot produce for himself, God provides through his own Son.
  2. What man cannot purify for himself, God purifies through his own Son.
  3. God can take a messed-up past and bring about perfection.
  4. God can take a messed-up person and bring about His purposes.
  5. You can trust God's promises even when you cannot understand God's plan.