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"Chapter 2"  
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Dicken's *A Christmas Carol* is all about **redemption**.

There is not a **soul** who has walked the earth who is **not in need** of redemption.

Praise God! We have it **through Jesus**.

Colossians 1:13-14

*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Christ redeems us **from our sins** – out of the dominion of **darkness** – and into the **Kingdom of Christ**.

From the beginning, God has made a distinction between **dark** and **light**.

Genesis 1:1-4

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.*

The dominion of darkness is governed by **sin** and **bondage**.

Ephesians 6:12

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

Redemption brings us from **darkness** to **light**.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.*

This is the **essence** of Christmas.

Isaiah 9:1-2

*Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan — The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*