# MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

## Turn on the Light!
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Eighty-six years ago today (October 18, 1931), Thomas Alva Edison died. As you know, Edison was a great inventor. By the time of his death at the age of 84, Edison had acquired 1093 patents for his inventions. One of the most well-known inventions of Edison was the incandescent light bulb.

Very few of us reading this message ever experienced a world without electricity and light that could be accessed so conveniently with just a "flip of a switch." To say we take "light" for granted is an understatement. When we do experience power outages, we walk around our homes, instinctively flipping switches throughout our houses, expecting light. None of us probably appreciate, as we should, the light that Edison brought to our lives.

Well, if you can agree with and appreciate that statement, then how much more true is it that we probably do not appreciate the light that Jesus brought into the world?

Jesus was the "Light of the World" and the "Light of Life" (John 8:12). Prior to his coming, there were "flickers" of light, but the "brilliance of light" that allows us to see clearly, was brought into this world by Jesus (John 12:46).

Consider:
• 	Jesus illuminated God's providence (Genesis 3:15).
• 	Jesus illuminated God's glory (John 1:14).
• 	Jesus illuminated God's nature (Colossians 2:9).
• 	Jesus illuminated God's love (John 3:16).
• 	Jesus illuminated Man's hope (Colossians 1:27).
• 	Jesus illuminated Man's future (John 14:1-3).

Friends, if you can appreciate the "light" that Thomas Alva Edison brought into this world, how much more should we appreciate the "light" that Jesus brought to us? Thank God for the "Light of Life!"