



Stepping Into... Christmas

“The Light of the World”

John 8:12 (NIV)

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “**I am the light of the world.** Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”



Psalm 139:13 (KJV)

¹³ For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

John 12:40 (KJV) ⁴⁰He (the god of this world) hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

2 Corinthians 4:4 & 6 (NIV) ⁴ 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.

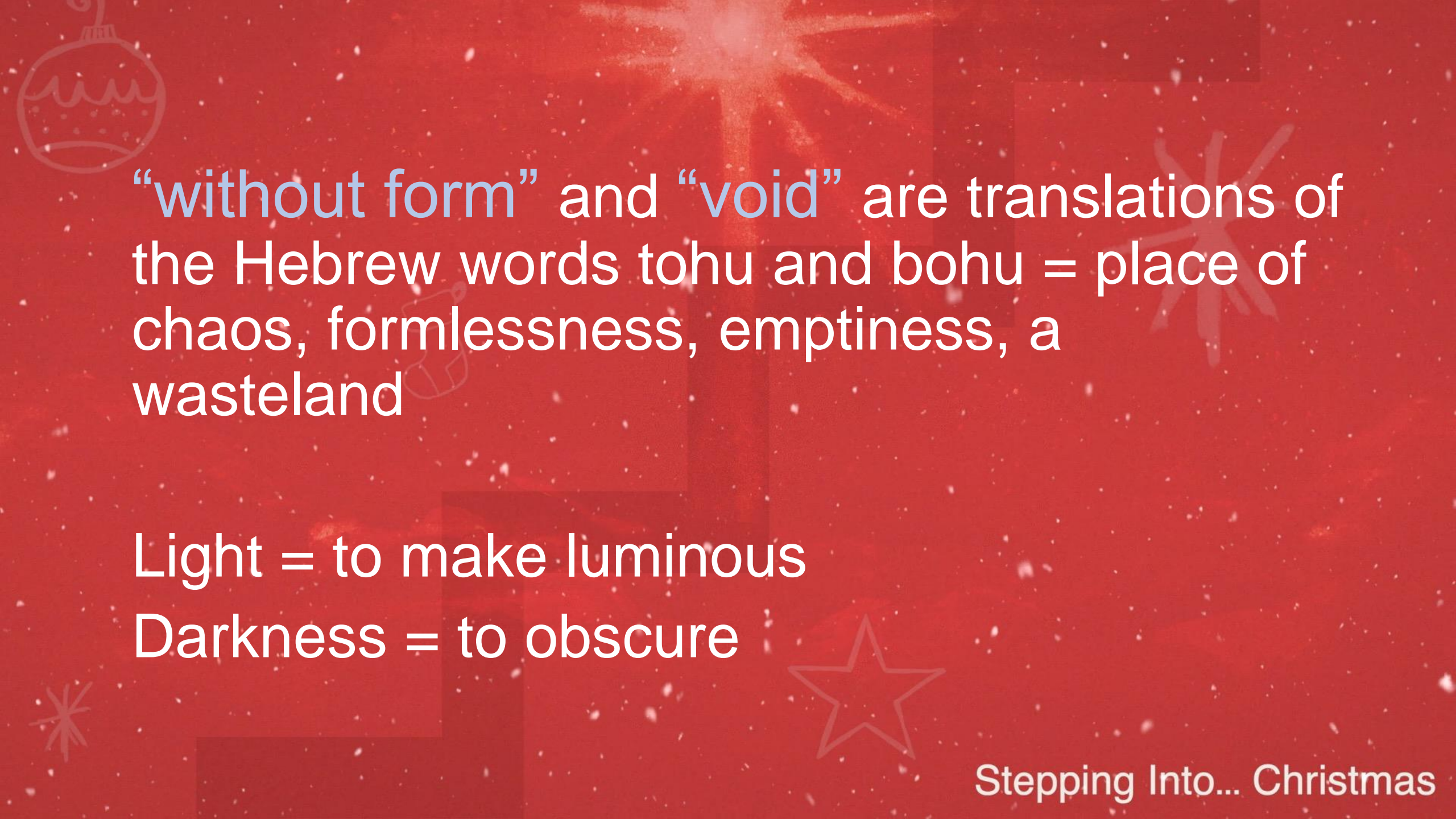
⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Deuteronomy 30:6 (KJV)

⁶And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, (so that you may) to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Genesis 1:1-4 (TNKH)

¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² Now the earth was **unformed and void**, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters. ³ And God said: 'Let there be **light**.' And there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the **darkness**.



“without form” and “void” are translations of the Hebrew words tohu and bohu = place of chaos, formlessness, emptiness, a wasteland

Light = to make luminous

Darkness = to obscure



Matthew 5:14–16 (NIV)

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Ephesians 4:11–13 (NIV)

¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

“Ultimately it is not what you give or get – it is what you become”

Mary Gates (Bill Gates' Mum)



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