

**Title:** Salvation's Peace  
**Scripture:** Luke 2:25-32  
**Series:** Topical

1. Introduction –

- a. What we have before us today is an incredible portion of Scripture that proclaims great Gospel Truth.
  - i. Any man or woman that comes to Christ can be at peace with God. There is no need to fear death or the afterlife if we are found in Jesus Christ.
- b. Today we study the story of Simeon. A man that longed for peace with God and through the grace of God, saw it in the face of the Babe; the Son of God.

2. Verses 25-26: A Longing Heart: Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (26) And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

- a. In Verse 25 we encounter a man that is described as being, “...**righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.**”

- i. Simeon was waiting for the coming of the savior. He was looking forward to the Messiah making atonement for his sins. He was **waiting for the consolation of Israel**. In other words, he was waiting for the comfort of salvation provided by the incarnation for sinful humanity. Until this coming of the Christ, Simeon had the promises of God but he was faithfully longing to see those promise fulfilled.
  - ii. He was **righteous** in that he trusted in the righteousness of the one that would be sent.
- b. In verse 26, we are told that God the Spirit had informed Simeon that the coming of Messiah was at hand. Simeon would not die until he beheld God’s salvation—the Lord’s Christ!
- i. What a wonderful word for Simeon to have received. He would live long enough to see the one that would conquer death on his behalf. Truly, Simeon would live long enough to behold He that brings eternal life. Simeon would never die eternally because the savior, the rescuer the sinner, would enter the realm of humanity and pay the price for our transgressions.
    1. The bible declares that salvation and life can only be found in Jesus. We read in **John 11:25-26** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, (26) and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

2. Simeon was waiting the fulfillment of God's promises.
  - c. The good news for all humanity is that the work of redemption has been completed. We are not like Simeon looking forward to the work, but we look backwards to the cross of Christ; the place where salvation was accomplished on behalf of God's people.
    - i. Simeon beheld the baby in wonder, we behold the cross in gratitude.
3. Verses 27 and 28: The Promised Day Arrives: And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law (28) he took him up in his arms and blessed God
- a. Brothers and Sisters, notice with what joy Simeon comes into the temple and beholds the God incarnate. He is overwhelmed! God has kept His promises and provided a way for man to be reconciled.
    - i. Simeon takes the babe into his arms. He begins to **bless God**.
      1. He begins to express his gratitude for the grace bestowed not only on him but humankind. His heart overflows with praise. This is Christmas!
      2. Beloved, this should be the posture of all that have been saved! We are bound to worship God for the infinitely great gift that has been given to us.

4. Verses 29 and 30: Peace is found in Jesus: and (Simeon) said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; (30) for my eyes have seen your salvation

a. **Peace** is a wonderful thing. **Peace** is what our world longs for. However, **Peace** can only be found in Jesus Christ.

i. Simeon exclaims, “**Now you are letting your servant depart in peace.**” Simeon is stating, “Now that the savior has come, I can close my eyes in this world without the fear of eternal damnation. I am His forevermore!”

ii. Simeon goes further. He identifies Jesus as only means of salvation. He states, “**...for my eyes have seen your salvation.**” His eyes had seen the Lord of Life.

1. Are you longing for peace?

a. Then come and behold the **salvation of the Lord**. Come and look at Christ with a believing heart; a surrendered life!

5. Verses 31 and 32: This Peace is offered to the World: (Salvation) that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, (32) a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

- a. One final note. Notice that the savior is given not only for the people of Israel but as **a light for revelation to the gentiles**. In other words, Jesus is savior of all groups of people from all over the world. In Simeon's words, we find the gospel preached to every culture, race, tongue, and tribe. Simeon declares that the Babe is given for humankind. He is given for you and for me.
    - i. What a great God of love we have. He gives the son so that a sinful world can be reconciled, so that you can be at peace with a holy God through the sacrificial death of the Son!
    - ii. This is Christmas.
6. Luke 2:33: Let us Marvel Too: And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.
- a. Let us to marvel at the great gift of life found only in Jesus Christ.
7. Benediction:
- a. **Isaiah 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**Public Reading of Scripture:  
Luke 2:1-7**