

To See God's Salvation Is to Depart in Peace

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I. The story of a man named Simeon and a man named Jesus

Luk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luk 2:22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;

Luk 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

Luk 2:24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

Luk 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

Luk 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luk 2:27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Luk 2:28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Luk 2:29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

Luk 2:30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Luk 2:31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

Luk 2:32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Luk 2:33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Luk 2:34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

Luk 2:35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

II. The core of the story

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Luk 2:31 Which thou hast prepared...

III. *Thy salvation which thou hast prepared*

A. Jesus was “*A Man Prepared for Salvation*”

Heb 10:5 ...a body hast thou prepared me:

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Heb 8:3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law...

2Jn 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

B. Jesus was “*A Salvation Prepared for Man*”

Mat 1:21 ...call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Rev 13:8 ...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

1Pe 1:19 ...the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places in Christ*:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children **by Jesus Christ** to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted **in the beloved**.

Eph 1:7 **In whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 1:11 **In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am **the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear **the voice of the Son of God**: and they that hear shall live.

IV. Then took he him up in his arms — And blessed God

A. The idea of being able to touch God

Mat 9:21 ...If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

Joh 20:27 ...Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands...

Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Mat 14:36 ...as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

B. The idea that Jesus touched people

Mar 1:40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

Mar 1:41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

C. The idea that in your loss and loneliness—You too may touch Jesus now

Heb 4:15 ...(*Jesus is*) touched with the feeling of our infirmities...

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

V. Mine eyes have seen thy salvation

A. When you see the real Jesus—You see the Successful Savior

Mat 1:21 ...call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Joh 19:30 ...It is finished...

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied...

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us...

Rom 5:9 ...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved...

B. In a very real sense—Faith lets you see Jesus now

Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:27 By faith he (*Moses*)... endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

1Pe 1:8 ...though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable...

VI. *Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace*

A. To see God's salvation — Is to depart in peace

Luk 1:79 ...to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

B. To see God's salvation by grace is to live in peace about departing

Act 15:11 ...we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved...

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

2Ti 1:8 ...the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Ti 1:12 ...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

VII. **Grace is good to die by**

—My ninety plus year old friend asked if we could talk about death and dying.

—He seemed a bit troubled.

—Yet after a few Bible answers to his life and death questions,

—He smiled at me and said,

—“Grace is good enough to die by.”

A. When facing death—Nothing beats the idea of salvation by grace, and grace alone

B. To die knowing grace — Is to die having peace

C. Resurrection fixes everything! —Jesus is coming —Keep looking up!!!

D. “Grace Is Good to Die By”