

Luke 2:25-32 Seeing in the Light of Christ (Part 1)

We can see rightly only when we see Jesus.

- 1) The Holy Spirit reveals Christ (2:25-27).
 - a) The Spirit's work is promised within the Covenant Community (v. 25).
 - i) "righteous and devout"—living within the grace and instruction of the covenant
 - (1) "righteous"—just toward his neighbors in light of God's commandments
 - (2) "devout"—sincere faith in and loving obedience to God
 - ii) "waiting for the consolation of Israel"—hope in God's promises
 - b) The Spirit's work is focused on the knowledge of Christ (vv. 26-28).
 - i) Simeon appointed as a watchman for the Christ (v. 26-27)
 - ii) Simeon appointed as a witness for the Christ (v. 28ff.)
 - c) The Spirit's work continues through the Church (Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8; 2:4; 4:8, 31; 7:55; 8:39; 10:44; etc.)
 - i) Convicting the world of sin (John 16:7-11)
 - ii) Enlightening the mind in the knowledge of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:14)
 - iii) Illumination of Christians to increase knowledge of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Ephesians 1:17)
 - iv) Wisdom to live for Christ (Galatians 5:25; Colossians 1:9-10)
- 2) Christ reveals the Truth of all things (vv. 29-32).
 - a) The Truth of the Word of God (v. 29): "peace, according to Your word"
 - b) The Truth of the human condition (vv. 30-31): "all peoples" need salvation
 - c) The Truth of salvation (vv. 30-31): "Your salvation that You have prepared"
 - d) The Truth of God (v. 32): "a light for revelation . . . and for glory"

Are you "seeing" in the light of Christ (1 Cor. 3:18-20)? Are you "seeing" others in the light of Christ (2 Cor. 5:16)?
Are you "seeing" your sufferings in the light of Christ (2 Cor. 4:16-18)? Are you "seeing" God in the light of Christ
(1 Thess. 1:9-10)? Are you "seeing" death in the light of Christ (v. 29)?