

“Simeon Says”

Luke 2:21-40

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I. Your life has been changed by God if you're eager to listen and do what He says!

Luke 2:25-27 “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**. 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. And **he came in the Spirit** into the temple...”

- A. Simeon was **righteous**. He had saving faith. (Rom. 3:10,11; 4:3; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- B. Simeon was **devout**. He was cautious and careful to obey and honor God so as to lead an exemplary life before others.
- C. Simeon was **eagerly waiting**, and **eagerly listening** for God to tell him what to do. (Rom. 8:9; John 14:16,26)

II. Your life has been changed by God when you want to speak of what God has done!

- A. Believers can't help but talk to God about God.

Luke 2:30-32 “...for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

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Luke 2:38 “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”

III. Your life has been changed by God when you're ready to die.

Luke 2:29-30 “Lord, now You are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation...”

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group discussion:

- (1) What do you do to regularly remind yourself of what God has done for you in Christ?
- (2) When is obedience to Christ hardest for you?
- (3) What evidence is present in your life that you're eager to listen to God and do what He says?
- (4) When was the last time you spoke of what Christ has done in your life?
- (5) Who would you consider to be good at "pivoting" an ordinary conversation towards the Lord? Encourage them by letting them know they came to mind, and ask him/her how they do it.
- (6) Simeon said he was ready to "depart in peace." Could the same be said of you? The question isn't "Do you want to die," but simply if you're ready to die?