



## THE GIFT OF CERTAIN HOPE

Luke 2:22-35

❖ What does the fact Jesus came and made you part of His family mean to you?

Hebrews 11:32-33, <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised . . .

Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is CONFIDENCE in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT), Faith shows the REALITY of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

**Real - actually existing as a thing or occurring in fact; not imagined or supposed - The Oxford Dictionary**

**Confidence or reality - *hypostasis* - a support we are sure of and confident in**

### Why God's Hopes for Us are Fulfilled

Luke 2:22-35, <sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him (Jesus) to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." <sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Hebrews 12:14-15, <sup>14</sup> Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Verse 14 – “see” – *optanomai* - to gaze with wide-open eyes at something remarkable

Verse 15 - “See” – *eposkopeo* - to oversee with diligence and beware

1) See GOD’S PROMISES as trustworthy.

Luke 2: 25, . . . He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, . . .

Luke 2:26, It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

2) See GOD’S PRESENCE as trustworthy.

Luke 2:25, Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous . . .

Proverbs 11:18; Matthew 6:33

3) See GOD’S PATHWAY as trustworthy.

Luke 2:26, It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

4) See GOD’S POWER as trustworthy.

Luke 2:27-28, <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God . . .

Romans 14:17, For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit . . .

Luke 2: 29-30

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?