

### III. Living in Peace

- A. Simeon & Anna (Luke 2:22-40)
  - 1. Both have been \_\_\_\_\_ for the Messiah for a long time
  - 2. Both keep \_\_\_\_\_ for God's goodness to unfold
  - 3. Both keep \_\_\_\_\_ the one, true God
- B. How are they able to do that?
- C. Simeon & Anna's character was formed in worship
  - 1. In worship, we open our \_\_\_\_\_ up to God
  - 2. God calibrates our beliefs with His \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. The Holy Spirit then helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ our behavior with our good and godly beliefs

**Conclusion:** Let's be a church that radiates peace

- A. Vertically, our focus will be on \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Horizontally, let's focus on sharing God's \_\_\_\_\_ with the people around us
  - C. Application: As a result of listening to this message, what Good News do I have to share with others?
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### Sermon Notes December 8, 2019 - Isaiah 11:1-10 & Luke 2:22-40 Waiting For... Peace (Simeon & Anna)

**Summary:** With all the challenges and turmoil we experience in life, we yearn for peace. Jesus brings us peace by healing and completing us. As we let God recalibrate our beliefs in worship & the Holy Spirit aligns our behavior with those beliefs, we able to live in peace & share that peace with others.

**Big Idea:** Jesus brings us peace as we receive the consolation of His forgiveness

**Intro:** A washing machine that rebalances itself

- A. Human beings also have a way to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves
- B. But our rebalancing system usually doesn't work as it should because it isn't \_\_\_\_\_ correctly
- C. Because we don't rebalance properly, we lack - \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. Cognitive Dissonance

- A. We don't want to admit our \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. We want to believe that we are moral, capable & wise
  - 2. In spite of evidence to the contrary
- B. Cognitive Dissonance
  - 1. Occurs when there is a discrepancy between our - \_\_\_\_\_ & our behaviour

2. It causes \_\_\_\_\_, or a lack of peace, within us
3. We will do whatever we can to \_\_\_\_\_ that tension

C. To resolve Cognitive Dissonance

1. You change your beliefs to match your - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Or you change your behaviour to match your - \_\_\_\_\_
3. We tend to
  - a. change our beliefs to match our bad behaviours
  - b. instead of changing our behaviours to match good beliefs
  - c. But then we keep on \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves & others
  - d. And no one gets healthy or \_\_\_\_\_

II. **God's Way to Peace**

A. The Messiah foretold (Isa. 11:1-10)

1. Background
2. The new branch, or new king, will be the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit
  - b. He will come to \_\_\_\_\_ the world

- c. Life with this Messiah will result in \_\_\_\_\_ unlike anything any of us have ever seen before

B. The Messiah's judgment brings us wholeness

1. To judge means to set things \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus set us right
  - a. By taking all our sin away from us
  - b. Paying the full cost to \_\_\_\_\_ our brokenness
  - c. Jesus gives us peace by \_\_\_\_\_ us

C. The wholeness that we have in Jesus gives us peace

1. Because Jesus accepts & forgives us
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ that we need to change are that our bad behavior makes us
    - i. Unlovable
    - ii. Unacceptable
    - iii. Unforgiveable
  - b. Changing those beliefs
    - i. will give us \_\_\_\_\_ peace
    - ii. Which will help us to have peace with others (Rom. 12:18)