

Seeing Christ before Seeing Death **Luke 2:25-35**

The gospel confronts all men with a full, free, and complete salvation.

What were Mary, Joseph and Jesus they doing in Jerusalem?

Keeping the law (Galatians 4:4-5; Leviticus 12; Exodus 13:2; Numbers 3)

On the day of her purification, they came to redeem their firstborn son.

Who was Simeon?

He was an OT believer.

We are told four things about him.

Righteous

Devout

Waiting for consolation,

Holy Spirit on him (3 times in the narrative)

He would not see death before he has seen the Lord's Christ.

Salvation is known only by the Holy Spirit

How can you know that you have the Spirit of God?

You know by what the presence of the Spirit produces.

Now I can die.

Salvation is known by seeing Christ in Jesus

Salvation's Confrontation

Jesus asked his disciples, "who do you say that I am?"

Many who celebrate Christmas don't celebrate Christ.

What is one great grief for Christians?