

“Jesus: God’s Salvation for All Peoples”

New Hope Community Church
January 20th, 2018
Luke 2:25-32

Life Group Meeting

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QUESTIONS

A. The Holy Spirit Seeks to Accomplish God’s Purpose Through God’s People (25-27)

1. In Simeon we see the **marks** of a Spirit empowered saint

- He was righteous in **character**
- He was surrendered in his **affections**
- He was alert to God’s **purposes** in His Word

2. In Simeon we see the **service** of a Spirit empowered saint

- He was **filled** with the Holy Spirit
- He was **spoken to** by the Holy Spirit
- He was **led** by the Holy Spirit

- ▶ **KEY THOUGHT:** God’s purpose must be accomplished in God’s way by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is looking to use every righteous, surrendered, and alert saint!

B. The Spirit Filled Life Is Aligned With the Purpose of God (28-32)

1. Simeon **recognized** what so many doubted

- Consider exactly what he saw — a helpless **baby**
- Consider why he understood — the Spirit **opened** his eyes

- ▶ **QUESTION:** Are we reading, listening, praying in the power and under the direction of the Holy Spirit? He is our **Teacher!**

2. Simeon **believed** and embraced what so many rejected (31,32)

- Jesus’ coming was proclaimed in detail by the **prophets**
- Jesus’ life and message proclaimed the message of **salvation**
- Jesus’ presentation was truly **public** before all peoples
- Jesus’ salvation was for all people **groups** as well as Jews

Personal Reflection

- God’s purpose is to exalt His Son, Jesus, and to prepare for Him a holy bride from every people group of the earth. He sends His Spirit to indwell and empower us to join in this great purpose.

- ▶ **PRAYER:** Would you in prayer this week —

- (1) Reflect on what we learn from the life of Simeon
- (2) Begin to regularly ask for a filling of the Holy Spirit
- (3) Prepare to join in accomplishing God’s work at New Hope

1) Read Luke 2:25-32

2) What impresses you about Simeon as a believer?

3) Discuss the role that the Holy Spirit played in what Simeon did.

4) How effective is our service for God if it is not empowered by the Holy Spirit? How can we be empowered by the Holy Spirit?

5) Simeon recognized and believed what God revealed to Him by the Holy Spirit. How can we recognize and believe what the Holy Spirit seeks to reveal to us today? Can you share an example of when this has happened to you?

6) New Hope seeks to be a church where the purpose of God is being passionately pursued. Here is one way to state this purpose —

God’s purpose is to exalt His Son, Jesus, and to prepare for Him a holy bride from every people group of the earth.

This purpose will only be accomplished well at New Hope by a variety of services being performed by all of its people. How is God asking you to serve in order to help bring about this purpose?

7) Pray for each other’s growth and success in ministry, and for the advancement of God’s purpose at and through New Hope.