

The Gospel Gift

Truth #4: We See and Receive God's Gift of Salvation

"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."

Simeon's words in Luke 2:30-32

WORD: God, what are You saying to me through this Scripture?

We love to watch for presents under the Christmas tree and think about the gifts that await us. In the Christmas story, an old priest named Simeon watched for Jesus' birth his whole life. When he finally got to see baby Jesus and receive Him to hold in his arms, Simeon rejoiced that Jesus is God's light to the world, presence with us and salvation gift for us. **Simeon reminds us of our 4th truth in "The Gospel Gift" Advent series: We see and receive God's gift of salvation.** ~ *What do you love about seeing presents under the tree? What do you have to do to get those gifts? What part of Simeon's words stand out to you?*

WHY: God, why does this Scripture matter?

The whole world sees Christmas as a special holiday, but we see that it is so much more than that. Christmas is about God's gift of salvation through Jesus. **Though we cannot see Jesus with our physical eyes like Simeon did, we can see Him with our spiritual eyes and receive His presence into our lives today.** This matters for Christmas, for life and for eternity. ~ *What are our spiritual eyes? How are these different than our physical eyes? How do we see Jesus with our spiritual eyes?*

WHAT: God, what else does Your Word say to me about this?

Jesus came into our world as a baby, but He grew up to die on the cross as our Savior. He told His followers: **"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"** (John 20:29 NIV). When Jesus said this, He was talking about US! It's one thing to hear about or watch for God's gift of salvation; it's another thing to have eyes to see "The Gospel Gift" and receive it. ~ *Have you received "The Gospel Gift" and accepted God's salvation? Why or why not? Let's talk about this!*

WORSHIP: God, how do You want me to respond to this truth?

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). We worship God by seeing Jesus with our spiritual eyes and receiving in Him into our hearts by faith. The joy and salvation we experience with Him is what Christmas is all about! ~ *As we conclude our Advent series, can you tell us the four truths of "The Gospel Gift"? What do these mean to you? Let's ask God to help us remember these at Christmas and always!*

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Jesus, we receive You as our Lord and Savior, not just at Christmas, but for our whole lives. We love You and want to see You more and more each day. In Your Name, amen!

