

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!)

We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your LIFEgroup. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!

1. What are some new things that you have learned about the Christmas story in our study of the Gospel of Luke?
2. Why three witnesses?
3. What was the most interesting thing you read or learned about Simeon? Why?
4. What did you learn about the work of the Holy Spirit?
5. Do you think that Simeon was a priest? Why did God use him this way?
6. How could this study and Scripture be applied to your life?



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. The people in the Christmas story are marked by _____ and _____, which is what makes this account so powerful and effective.
2. One of the best ways to celebrate Christmas is to “remember when” Jesus was born into your _____, and then to _____ in obedience.

A FEW REMINDERS:

1. The early Christians celebrated Christmas on December 25 because it aligned with a _____ holiday, even though the Bible teaches that Jesus was born in _____.
2. The Christmas story actually _____ for 40 days past the _____ of Jesus.
3. One of the _____ of this account is to give people _____ of the birth of the Lord. A Jewish principle was the “testimony of three witnesses.” (Shepherds, Simeon, Anna)

Deut. 19:15 . . . A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Matt. 18:16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

AND A REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S STUDY

1. The shepherds were the _____ witnesses to the birth of the Messiah on the _____. He was born.
2. At the age of ____ days, the baby was _____ and given the name _____ or "God (Jahweh) is salvation."
3. At the age of ____ days, Jesus was taken to the _____ to be dedicated and Mary offered a _____ for purification.

SIMEON — THE SECOND WITNESS

Luke 2:25 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. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 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, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

1. Simeon is a _____ character and this passage is the _____ place that he is mentioned in the Bible. (*He was in the _____ years of his life as were others in the Christmas story.*)

2. The name "Simeon" means "the Lord has _____."

Gen. 29:33 She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the LORD heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him Simeon.

3. Simeon was _____ and _____.

Righteous — _____ in God _____.

Matt. 1:19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Mark 6:20 because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. . . .

Devout — Living a life of _____.

Acts 10:2 He (Cornelius) and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

4. Simeon was waiting for the _____ (παράκλησις paraklēsis) of Israel. Consolation indicates a "_____" or a "counselor" (another term for the Messiah).

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor (παράκλητος paraklētos) to be with you forever— (NIV 1984)

5. Simeon was a _____ individual because of his relationship with the _____.

Luke 2:25 . . . and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

— The Spirit was "_____." — Before the Holy Spirit was given to believers, the Holy Spirit would "rest on" a person for a particular _____ or event. (*Have you ever thought about how many people of the Christmas story were filled with the Spirit?*)

— The Spirit had "_____ to him." — Somehow the Holy Spirit had _____ to Simeon and revealed to him what would happen _____ he died. This is highly _____!

— The Spirit "_____ him" to the right _____. — When a person is obedient, the Holy Spirit _____ them to their "God appointments" or "_____."

6. At the same _____ that Simeon arrived in the temple courts, Mary and Joseph _____ with their baby. _____ of these people were _____ this meeting!

7. Mary and Joseph were looking for a _____ to dedicate the baby, Jesus, because this was what the _____ required. So, was Simeon a _____?

Luke 2:27 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,

— _____ one _____ for sure.

— But the Bible does not _____ him a priest, he was moved by the Holy Spirit to _____ to the _____, and he does not offer the baby a _____ (although he does bless the parents).

— However, he was most certainly a _____.

8. Simeon _____ the baby into his arms, and praised God. His actual words were "*My Absolute _____ (Lord), you have fulfilled your _____ to me so now you can allow me to _____.*"

9. Simeon's next words were even more _____ . . .