

The gift of salvation is essentially God inviting us to reconnect with Him
It could not happen without Jesus – All the gifts are connected

He revealed plan, he came (Jesus), He forgave (cross) - salvation

The moment Jesus came was recognized by true followers as a PIVOT in
history in terms of salvation (separated OT vs NT – READY, WAITING) ...

NOW WE CAN KNOW GOD!!!!

Look at the story in Luke about that ... **Read Luke 2:25-35**

Salvation defined – Verses 25-27

Vs 25-26 – salvation defined

OT and NT same, faith/obedience – Really key point

Holy Spirit ON Simeon VS Holy Spirit IN us

Salvation was obtained the same way – FAITH ...

But because of Jesus ... it LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT

Much more intimate ...

- ✓ Waiting on the consolation – we are waiting on the return
He will finally fix things for good
- ✓ Righteous and devout – you can still be aware when God is
working
- ✓ EASIER now, Jesus was the pivot – recognition of this is key

Vs 27 – obedience meeting obedience

This is how salvation works – God multiplies the work of HS

Through our combined obedience

Salvation described – Verses 28-32

Vs 28 – This is how we should all feel about Jesus ...
Hold Him up, wear Him on your sleeve
We want everyone to see / know!

Simeon then describes the gift of salvation ...

Vs 29 – Promised - SCR
Dismiss = freedom
Peace - SCR

Vs 30 – My eyes have seen ... Jesus is the proof
NOW WE ARE AS HE LIVES IN US!!!!

Vs 31 – Prepared – God does this, we do not
All nations – this is key ... who is it for? ALL

Vs 32 – Gentiles / Jews – BIG PICTURE
This statement is how we know that Simeon was hearing
from God and not making this stuff up. THIS THOUGHT IS
COUNTERCULTURE ...

We should be too – how has your salvation changed you?

What “lens” do you look through?

Salvation experienced – Vs 33-35

Vs 33 - Marveled – Do we?

Do we take time to enjoy

MOMENTS, PEOPLE, PLACES ... These are gifts!

I will tell you something ... these moments we take are where
ministry happens, where God shows up!

Vs 34 – Simeon correctly describes some of the struggles of salvation

✓ falling and rising of many ...

1 Cor 1:23 - but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a
stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,
Some people have a problem with this message –

✓ But Jesus is a sign ... HE IS THE PROOF AND THE DRAW

✓ Spoken against – living out our salvation can be difficult

Phil 2:12 – work out your sal w fear and trembling

Vs 35 – revealed / sword – CONCLUSION

God knows!!! He knows where you are with Him

He knows how to move you / challenge you

He will –

Because he wants to give you and grow the gift of salvation