

The Speakable Joy of Christmas

Luke 2:25-38

A. Good News of Great Joy!

1. The longing of Israel for the _____ was at last being fulfilled! (Luke 1:1-2:24)
2. John's miraculous birth, Jesus' miraculous nativity, and the angelic announcement of the Good News to a group of shepherds reveal just a glimpse of the _____ of God's unfolding plan of salvation for not just Israel, but also for the whole world!

B. Those who trust in the LORD and live by His Spirit walk in _____ obedience. v.25-26

1. Simeon's righteous and devout character was a result of his _____ with God and his hope in the Messiah. (Isaiah 9:6-7)
2. In a similar way, we as followers of Jesus can _____ godly fruit because we are connected to the Vine and waiting for His return. (John 14:1-6, 15:1-5, 2 Peter 3:10-14)

C. When believers see the awesome plan of God being fulfilled, their hearts cannot help but _____ with joy. v.27-32

1. Simeon's life was _____ on God; when the Lord allowed him to see the Messiah, Simeon's response was pure and speakable joy!
2. Is our perspective as _____ as Simeon's? (1 Peter 1:3-12)

D. The overflow of joy that comes from experiencing Christ and His redemption _____ spill over and affect others. v.33-38

1. Simeon's joy and prophetic words to Mary were a _____ to Anna, who in turn was a witness to others in Jerusalem!
2. When people come face-to-face with Christ and they are given a clearer picture of WHO He is, it is _____ for them to remain the same! (Luke 5:1-11, Acts 4, especially v.20)
3. Do people see _____ in us? Is He the theme of our Christmas celebrations? Are we seeing Him and knowing Him better as time passes? (Colossians 1, 2 Timothy 1:8-12)

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A. 1-Messiah, 2-glory, B.-expectant, 1-relationship, 2-produce, C.-overflow, 1-dependent, 2-clear, D.-WILL, 1-testimony, 2-impossible, Jesus