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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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"WHILE WE'RE WAITING..."

THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN

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Luke 2:21

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before He was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:22-24

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Luke 2:25-35

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WHILE WE'RE WAITING...

I.) Remember - His Name is JESUS

v.21

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

remembering,
rehearsing the facts, going over them again!

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Remember, His name is Jesus

a.) because He identifies Himself with us

v.21

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child,
His name was called JESUS.

This Circumcision is the Outward Identification
of Jesus with His People, the Nation of Israel.

Circumcision was a Sign that You Belonged to
God,

but there is more to this. Jesus is identifying Himself with humanity.
the pain of sin and suffering came early to Jesus

it should be impossible for God to feel pain like us.
but Jesus came to feel it.

circumcision spoke of the fact that the dead and lifeless part of mankind needed to be cut away
so that we might know life and feel life and live life.

that cannot be done without faith.
circumcision accomplishes nothing in reality
apart from faith

it's assigned a meaning as association, identification

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.
:18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, :5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Remember, His name is Jesus

b.) because He has come to deliver us

v.21

...His name was called JESUS the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

we remember that the angel first told Mary to name him Jesus then the angle told Joseph to name him Jesus

Matthew 1:20-21

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. :21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

and now we see the naming of the baby - Jesus

The Name Jesus

Numbers 13:16

These *are* the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Ho-she-a the son of Nun, Joshua.

the name ho-she-a or Jehoshua is Joshua = Yah-ho-suha
God is Salvation, Deliverer, Redeemer.

Like the Yah-ho-suha of Old who led Israel into the Promised Land
This Yah-ho-suha leads us in the Promised Land

In the Greek language
Joshua **Ἰησοῦς** **iesous**, *ee-ay-sooce* is in the english Jesus

Jeremiah 23:5-6

“Behold, *the days are coming,*” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. :6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this *is* His name by which He will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

What Does God See When He Looks at a Christian?
He Sees Jesus, That’s What Makes Us a Christian.

What Does God See When Looks at You?

That's the Question

WHILE WE'RE WAITING...

II.) Recognize - we belong to Him v.22-24

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord :23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “*Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD*”), :24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “*A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*”

recognizing, or staying focused on the reason why

Recognize that we belong to God

a.) because He is our Creator v.22

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Present;
is to dedicate - to give back what belongs to another

Recognize that we belong to God

b.) because He alone deserves our worship

v.23

(as it is written in the law of the Lord,
"Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD)

The Bible says That Almighty God
created mankind, Male and Female.

**The Man (male) is a Type or Symbol of God Himself
He's to Be Viewed as and Depended Upon to be...**

**A Provider, A Protector, A Defender,
a strong and merciful, kind, patient, loving example =
that is what a man is to be like.**

Because of the High Honor that God has Placed Upon the Man,
much is expected of him.

"He alone deserves our worship"

Men - The Women are to get Their Que from Us as Worshippers...

(*"Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD)*)

Holy (dedicated) Unto the Lord
(is written upon every man)

Ephesians 5:22-24

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to **the Lord**. :23 For **the husband** is head of the wife, as also Christ is **the head** of the church; and He is **the Savior** of **the body**. :24 Therefore, just as **the church** is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

this should be a blessing, a joy, a great thing !
if God, is the Lord of that Man

(*"Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD)*)

Recognize that we belong to God

c.) because we have excuse but to come to Him v.24

...and they came
to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord,
"A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

the poverty of Joseph and Mary

this event is before the Magi had arrived

a lamb was requested, (Leviticus 12) two birds were allowed

WHILE WE'RE WAITING...

III.) Rejoice - He is our salvation

v.25-35

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the **Consolation** of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **:26** And it had been **revealed** to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **:27** So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, **:28** he (Simeon) took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: **:29** "Lord, now You are letting Your servant **depart** in peace, According to Your word; **:30** For my eyes have seen **Your** salvation **:31** Which You have prepared **before the face** of all peoples, **:32** A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." **:33** And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. **:34** Then Simeon **blessed** them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is **destined** for the **fall and rising** of many in Israel, and for a sign **which will be spoken against** **:35** (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also (Mary's)), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

rejoicing, looking beyond the now, over the horizon!

Rejoice that He is our salvation

a.) while we wait for Him

v.25-26

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the **Consolation** of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **:26** And it had been **revealed** to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Daniel chapter 9:24-27
had told the nation that Christ would appear to Israel at a Set Time.

Isaiah chapter 7:14 & 9:6
said that He would come as a Baby boy.

and Micah chapter 5:2
said that He would be born in Bethlehem.

The Data was Being assembled in the hearts and Minds of a Few Faithful Bible Students
One of Them is This Man Simeon...

what an example this man is to us today.

he was waiting for the coming of the messiah.

that truth caused him to live a life that was
#1 - just = approved before Man
and #2 - devout = dedicated to God

*"Waiting for the Lord,
Prepares you to meet the Lord"*

Expectation is a Good Thing

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. :3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

waiting for the **Consolation** of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. :26 And it had been **revealed** to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-14

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. :14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Galatians 6:15-16

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation :16
And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of
God.

One of the Greatest Things That You can do to Bless God is to Obey Him

Isaiah 40:1

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people Israel!”

it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.

Jesus Christ

is the whole of salvation. He is salvation.

not a part, not an addition, not a step, not a module.

Jesus Christ is Salvation

"Yeh su-ha"

Acts 4:10-12

let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.
:11 This is the “*stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.*”
:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by
which we must be saved.”

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of
those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

Rejoice that He is our salvation

b.) while we look for Him

v.27-32

Remember Church, Luke is a Physician and He Thinks Like One,
so he continues to give us the pathology of the Events

This is His Report, His Findings

:27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, :28 he (Simeon) took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

while we look for Him... we have a ministry to perform!

:29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant **depart** in peace, According to Your word; :30 For my eyes have seen **Your** salvation :31 Which You have prepared **before the face** of all peoples, :32 A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

Throughout Church History,

This Magnificent of Simeon's Has Been Known as "The Missionary Hymn"

"depart"

apoluo, *ap-ol-oo'-o*; take down the tent. to free up.

to relieve one from his post, to release a prisoner from jail, to untie a ship from its anchor, to loose a bird from its cage, to yoke an ox, to give liberty to someone who's only known captivity.

"peace"

eirene, *i-ray'-nay*; — the act of becoming one, being at peace with, a quietness or rest of soul, to set "at one" or "together" again something that was separated. to bring back together...

2 Corinthians 5:1-8

For **we know** that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, **we have** a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. :2 For in this **we groan**, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, :3 if indeed, having been clothed, **we shall** not be found naked. :4 For **we who are** in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because **we want** to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. :5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. :6 So **we are** always confident, knowing that while **we are** at home in the body **we are** absent from the Lord. :7 For **we walk** by faith, not by sight. :8 **We are** confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Hebrews 11:9

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with (like) Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; :10 for he (we) (wait)ed for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

to satisfy a deep and lifelong yearning!

Dear Non-Christian,
understand us when we say "we want to be with Jesus"

it means that we have been longing and waiting and yearning
to be with Him

it means that we have a purpose that is beyond,
"over the fence" it's "across the valley" it's "over there"

it's not here, not in this world, not for us!

we are strange aren't we?

since Jesus took hold of our hand - we've never been the same!

In This Sense - Simeon is a Type or Symbol of every true believer in Christ...

1 Corinthians 15:50-54

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. **:51** Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— **:52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **:53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. **:54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

*Jesus Accomplished what no religion could ever do!
He removed the manmade divisions that existed between jew and gentile.*

Ephesians 2:13-15

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **:14** For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, **:15** having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,

Titus 2:13

we are (the Christian) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Colossians 2:10-11

and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. **:11** In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

Verse 30

For my **eyes** have **seen** Your **salvation**

not part of it, some of it - but all of it

Hebrews 1:3

who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

1John 2:2

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Verse 32

A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.”

Philippians 3:1-3

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe. :2 ¶ Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! :3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; :29 but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God.

Rejoice that He is our salvation

c.) while we receive of Him

v.33-35

:33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. :34 Then Simeon **blessed** them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child is destined* for the **fall and rising** of many in Israel, and for a sign **which will be spoken against** :35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also (Mary’s)), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

“Behold, this *Child is destined* for the **fall and rising** of many in Israel, and for a sign **which will be spoken against**

this "fall and the rising"
is the breaking down and the rebuilding of a human soul.

the "Many" in Israel are those who will trust in Jesus (Yeshua) as Messiah.
they will fall in humble repentance and rise in newness of life.

This "Many" will be fulfilled during the Tribulation Period to Come.

Matthew 21:42-45

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: *'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?* " :43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. :44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." :45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them.

If You Fall, Cast yourself upon Jesus, He will Build you up!
but if you hold out, this Stone, in the end, will crush you to death.

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. :25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. :26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

biblical salvation, is the reality of you and I coming to the end of ourselves,
and our turning to Christ for deliverance, hope and salvation!

Verse 33-34

...and for a **sign** which will be **spoken against**

a **sign (miracle) that will be spoken against (rejected or refused)**

this is an amazing verse

because every human being knows this to be true
to some degree or another.

**it means that Jesus Christ will be argued about
and debated, refused and rejected =
based upon "The Miracle"**

1. His Birth was argued and debated, refused and rejected
2. His Life was argued and debated, refused and rejected
3. His Ministry was argued and debated, refused and rejected
4. His Words were argued and debated, refused and rejected
5. His Silence was argued and debated, refused and rejected
6. His Sufferings were argued and debated, refused and rejected
7. His Death was argued and debated, refused and rejected
8. His Resurrection was argued and debated, refused and rejected
9. His Ascension was argued and debated, refused and rejected
10. His Return is argued and debated, refused and rejected

**these people who claim to be followers of Jesus,
yet say that He isn't coming soon or isn't coming back at all
"they're arguing and debating, rejecting and refusing"**

Matthew 24:48-43

But if an evil servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his return," :49 and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, :50 the master of that servant will come on **a day when he is not looking for him** and at an hour that he is **not aware** of, :51 and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. :42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? :43 Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he returns.

1 Peter 1:19

but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. :20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you :21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

WHILE WE'RE WAITING...

end