

INTRODUCTION

- * THE FEAST OF THE INCARNATION ... is a wonderful time to remember how God fulfilled His great grace to us by sending forth His only begotten Son - part of the godhead - to be incarnate, in order that He might be the perfect sacrifice, paying the penalty of our sins and purchasing us back to the Father who loves us! (cf. Isaiah 48:16; Zechariah 2:10-11; John 1:1,10,14)
- * We have been considering some of the "Voices" of this miraculous event. So far we have considered "The Voices of Faith" (revealed in Mary and Joseph) and "The Voices of Good News" (revealed in the Angels and the Shepherds).
- * Today, we want to consider "The Voices of Redemption" revealed in Simeon and Anna.
- * THE NAME OF JESUS: We are told in Luke 2:21 that Mary and Joseph called the baby's name Jesus - the name given by the angel. Both Mary (Luke 1:31) and Joseph (Matthew 1:21) were instructed by the angel. Jesus - Yehoshua - means "YHWH Saves" or "YHWH Deliverers."

INSTRUCTION**I. SIMEON'S TESTIMONY (v. 25-35)****a. His A** _____

- * cf. Luke 2:38; Mark 15:43; Luke 23:51; Titus 2:13; Jude 21
- * cf. Luke 12:36; Acts 23:21; 24:15
- * cf. Luke 15:2; Romans 16:2; Philippians 2:29

b. His R _____

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT _____ HIM (v. 25)
2. THE HOLY SPIRIT _____ HIM (v. 26)
3. THE HOLY SPIRIT _____ HIM (v. 27)

c. His P _____

1. THAT SIMEON WOULD SEE THE REDEEMER - BY DIVINE I _____
2. THAT GENTILES WOULD SEE THE REDEEMER - BY DIVINE I _____

II. ANNA'S TESTIMONY (v. 36-38)**A. The Testimony of Her L** _____

1. SHE WAS _____
2. SHE WAS _____
3. SHE WAS _____
4. SHE WAS _____ (cf. Romans 1:9, 25; 12:1)

B. The Testimony of Her W _____

1. SHE SPOKE OF C _____
2. SHE SPOKE TO T _____ (cf. Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

INTROSPECTION

- * THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION, AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT. WHICH ARE YOU?
- * WHAT IS THE THEME, AND TESTIMONY, OF YOUR LIFE AND MESSAGE? IS IT THE REDEMPTION OF CHRIST?
- * ARE YOU LOOKING FOR 2nd COMING OF CHRIST ... AS SIMEON AND ANNA WERE LOOKING FOR THE HIS FIRST COMING?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Titus 2:11-14 and 1 Peter 1:13-21. What effect should the revelation and redemption of Christ have upon our lives?