

THE WORD FOR LIFE - SERMON NOTES

Songs of Christmas, Pt. 3
The Two Faces of Christmas, Luke 2:25-35
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It's Joyful Face – Christmas Is...

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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 upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NIV)

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. 1 Peter 1:12 (NIV)

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For my eyes have seen your salvation, Luke 2:30 (NIV)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

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which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Luke 2:31-32 (NIV)

"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, Isaiah 42:6 (NIV)

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The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Luke 2:33 (NIV)

"Look at the nations and watch-- and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. Habakkuk 1:5 (NIV)

It's Painful Face – Christmas is...

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Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. Luke 2:28-29 (NIV)

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Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, Luke 2:34 (NIV)

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. Matthew 12:30 (NIV)

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Thus, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed...Luke 2:35a (NLT)

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)

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And a sword will pierce your very soul. Luke 2:35b (NLT)

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isaiah 53:3 (NIV)