**Look to Jesus – Luke 2:32**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ the Savior is the light of the world**

**Look to Jesus Christ Son of God; Savior of the world, Christ the Messiah, & Lord of all**

1. John the Baptist said, behold – look the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world
2. The Shepherds praised God & rejoiced when they looked on Jesus – the God – Man
3. Simeon looks on Jesus at His dedication in the temple praising God for salvation through Jesus Christ the Light of the world

**Observations**

1. **Spirit filled Simeon praises God when He looks on Jesus at His dedication in the temple 2:30**

*My eyes have seen your salvation*

1. The Holy Spirit was on Simeon who was a righteous, devoted man of God waiting for the coming of the Messiah – 2:25
2. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he would see with his eyes the Messiah – 2:26
3. Simeon was in the Spirit at the temple when Mary & Joseph brought Jesus for dedication – 2:27
4. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that the baby Jesus was the Messiah – 2:28
5. He saw by the Holy Spirit Jesus the Savior of the world – 2:30
6. He did not hear angel announcements
7. He did not hear the angels singing over the manger
8. He did not see the baby in the manger
9. He did not see the star leading the magi to the manger

**He sees Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit & confesses Him as savior by the Spirit**

1. **Spirit filled Simeon proclaims that Jesus Christ is the light to the nations – 2:32**

*A light of revelation to the Gentiles – nations*

2 Cor. 4:6 – *for God who said, Light shall shine out of darkness, is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ*

1. He is the light of revelation - **He reveals the glory of God to the world**

John1:14 – *we saw His glory, glory as the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth*

Rev. 1:13 – 16 – *I saw on like the son of man, clothed with a robe reaching to his feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were like white wool, like snow, and His eyes were a flame of fire. He feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two – edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in all its strength.*

1. He is the light of revelation – **He reveals the truth of God to the world**

John 14:6 - *I am the way, the truth, and the life no one comes to the Father except by Me*

1. He is the light of revelation - **He reveals the darkness of sinfulness in the world** John 1:5 – *the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overpower it*
2. He is the light of revelation – **He attracts the sinner in darkness to the light**

John 1:9 – *there was the true Light which coming into the world, enlightens every man*

1. He is the light of revelation - **He gives life to sinners of the world** John 1:4 – *in Him was life, and the life was the Light of men*

1. **Jesus Christ is God’s light in a world living in the darkness of sinfulness – Matt. 4:15 -16**

*The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordon, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who were sitting in darkness saw a great light, and those who were sitting in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light dawned*

1. The people of the world **sit in the darkness of sinfulness**

John 3:19 – 20 - *men love the darkness rather than the Light for their deeds are evil for everyone who does evil hates the Light, & does not come to the Light for fear that His deeds will be exposed*

Rom. 13:13 – *let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality not in strife and jealousy*

Sinners sit in the ignorance of their sinfulness – they do not know the truth in Christ

Sinners sit in the wickedness of their sinfulness – loving their wicked ways

Sinners sit in the disobedience of their sinfulness – hating the light of God in Christ

Sinners sit in the ungodliness of their sinfulness – afraid their sin will be revealed

1. The people of the world **sit in the darkness of death’s fearfulness**

Sinners sit in fearfulness of the uncertainty of their time of death

Sinners sit in fearfulness of the reality of their death

Sinners sit in fearfulness of certainty of their coming death

1. The people of the world **can look to Jesus Christ the light of the world**

*they saw a great light…upon them a light dawned*

John 8:12 – *I am the Light of the world, he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life*

John 12:46 – *I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness*

1 John 2:8 – *the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shinning*

**Things to Remember & do**

1. **Look to Jesus the Light** in the darkness of sinfulness
2. **Come to Jesus the Light** in the darkness of sinfulness
3. **Walk in the Light of Jesus** the savior from the darkness of sinfulness

*My eyes have seen your salvation…a light of revelation to the Gentiles & the glory of your people Israel –* Luke 2:32

**To the praise of the Glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**