



Get What You Really Want for Christmas!

Simeon's Song • Luke 2:21-38

How does this song help us to live in harmony with God's purpose for our lives?
How can we align our lives with the rhythm of our Redeemer as we wait for His second coming?

♪ What are some of the things **no one** really wants for Christmas?

♪ What I **really** want for Christmas more than anything else in the world is _____

*Will you get what you really want for Christmas this year?
You can, but you need to know **WHAT** it is that you really want, **WHO** can give it to you,
and **HOW** to wait for it!*

Background to Simeon's Song:

- ♪ **Jesus' Circumcision according to the Law:** After eight days the baby boy was circumcised in Bethlehem and named Jesus according to the angel's instructions before he was conceived. (v. 21; *Genesis 17:9-14; Leviticus 12:1-3*)
- ♪ **Mary's Purification according to the Law:** After forty days Mary was able to enter the Court of Women in the temple in Jerusalem to present a burnt offering and sin offering for her uncleanness. Their poverty is seen in the offering of two birds rather than one lamb. (vv. 22, 24; *Leviticus 12:1-8*)
- ♪ **Jesus' Dedication according to the Law:** After the days of Mary's purification were completed the couple traveled to Jerusalem where they would dedicate their firstborn son to the Lord. (vv. 22-23; *Exodus 13:11-16*)
- ♪ **Simeon's Anticipation according to the Law:** At that precise moment a very old man entered the Temple trusting in the promises of God and walking in the power of the Spirit, and was about get what he had always wanted and had been waiting for most of his life. (v. 25)

Get What You Really Want This Christmas:

1. What We Really Want Is NOT FOUND in This World. *Luke 2:29-32*

⇒ Here is what Simeon really wanted more than anything else in the world...

1. **Comfort for the Oppressed: RESCUE** from our enemies. (v. 25)
2. **Salvation for All People: REDEMPTION** from our sins. (v. 30-31, 38)
3. **Good News from God: REVELATION** from God that He loves us. (v. 32)
4. **Glory for God's People: RESTORATION** of all things. (v. 32)

2. What We Really Want Is ONLY FOUND in Jesus Christ. *Luke 2:27-30*

1. **In Christ there is Comfort for the Oppressed:** Rescue from our enemies of world, the flesh, and the devil, and final enemy of death. (*1 Thess 2:16; Phil 2:1-4*)
2. **In Christ there is Salvation for All People:** Redemption from our sins. (*Luke 2:30-31; Eph 1:7; Acts 4:12*)
3. **In Christ there is Good News from God:** Revelation from God. (*Luke 2:32*)
4. **In Christ there is Glory for God's People:** Restoration of all things. (*John 1:14, 18; 2 Cor 1:18-22*)

3. How to Wait for What We Really Want for Christmas:

1. **LIVE TO PLEASE GOD more than anything or anyone.** (v. 25)

- “JUST” means “RIGHTEOUS” = Live in right relationship with God and others according to God's standards.
- “DEVOUT” means “DEVOTED” = Live devoted to God and His promises, His purposes, and His people.

2. **KEEP IN STEP with the Spirit.** (vv. 25, 27)

- The Holy Spirit **filled** (*lit. was upon*) him (v. 25)
- The Holy Spirit **fed** him (v. 26)
- The Holy Spirit **led** him (v. 27)

3. **CLAIM GOD'S PROMISES in His Word.** (v. 26)

4. **FIND YOUR FULFILLMENT in your relationship with Christ.** (vv. 27-30)

5. **BREAK THE SILENCE by singing praises to God and sharing the Good News with others!** (vv. 28, 38)

- Simeon broke the silence by sharing with a song in his heart (vv. 28-35)
- Anna broke the silence by sharing with a song in her heart (vv. 36-38)

Don't You Want to Leave This World Like Simeon & Anna?

- Don't you want to DIE in PEACE knowing you have received JESUS CHRIST as the SAVIOR of GOD'S SALVATION?
- Don't you want to DIE knowing that you LIVED your life to PLEASE GOD?
- Don't you want to WAIT for what can ONLY be found in Christ... don't you want to be able say with your last dying breath: *“Amen, Amen, I found my life in Him!”*

Waiting for What We Always Wanted Will Be Worth It When We See Jesus at the Second Coming!

Will we be singing His praises and sharing Him with others when He comes again?