

The Promise Delivered



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Unto Us

Finding Us In The Christmas Story



- 1. The Unexpected Promise Delivered***
- 2. The Promise Expectantly Received***

***“Mary treasured up all these things,
pondering them in her heart.”***



Luke 2:19



**My parents:
Subin & Natalie**

Jonathan



Sean

**My parents:
Tianfu & Melissa**



Evan

**My parents:
Jason & Denise**



Alexander

**My parents:
Nicholas & Lisa**



Asher

**My parents:
Kelvin & Grace**





22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first 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.”



Luke 2:22-24

***“... he would not see death
before he had seen the Lord's
Christ.”***



Luke 2:26

***³⁰ for my eyes have seen your
salvation ³¹ that you have
prepared in the presence of all
peoples***



Luke 2:30-31

Why did Jesus come as a child?



The virgin birth is the sign of His divinity
His infancy is the sign of His humanity



To make the full sacrifice on our behalf,
Jesus had to make the
full commitment.



***...in wisdom and in stature and
in favour with God and all the
people.***



Luke 2:52

**If Jesus
had been God only,
his sacrifice
would have been
cheap and
unconvincing.**

**If Jesus
had been man only,
his sacrifice would have
had no power;
he would have been
a martyr like thousand
others.**



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.



Isaiah 7:14

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.



Galatians 4:4-5



1. The Unexpected Promise Delivered

2. The Promise Expectantly Received

Luke 2:25-32

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous 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 And he came in 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 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 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 2:25-32



**What made Simeon ready
to receive the promised
Messiah?**



Luke 2:25

*“...waiting for the
consolation of Israel...”*



Mark 15:43

*Joseph of Arimathea,
a respected member of the
council, who was also himself
looking for the kingdom of God,
took courage and went to
Pilate and asked for the body
of Jesus.*



**God prepares a person
to receive Christ by
stirring up a longing
for consolation and
salvation in their
hearts.**



Though I lived as a monk without reproach, I felt that I was a sinner before God with an extremely disturbed conscience. I could not believe that he was placated by my satisfaction. At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night, ... I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith. And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the gospel... Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.

Martin Luther



Isaiah 40:1-2

*“Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God. ² Speak
tenderly to Jerusalem and cry
to her that her warfare is
ended, and her iniquity is
pardoned.”*



Luke 2:30-32

*³⁰ for my eyes have seen
³¹ your salvation ³¹ that you have
prepared in the presence of
all peoples, ³² a light for
revelation to the Gentiles”*



**God wants you to
experience His
redemptive power
at work in your life.**



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Application

