

“My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation”

Luke 2:21-38

“Discipline is not legalism. Hard work is not legalism. Acting against carnal impulses is not legalism. Law-keeping is not legalism. They may be. But they may also be the torque of the engine of faith running on the fuel of the Spirit to the glory of the grace of God in a self-centered and undisciplined world.”
(Romans 9:31-32)

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”
(1 John 5:2-3)

- Credible Eyewitnesses (Luke 1:3-4)
 - **Simeon** was righteous and devout (Luke 1:6). He was waiting on the consolation of Israel (Personal Salvation and National Salvation by the Messianic Reign). The Holy Spirit was upon him (John 14:17). He would not see death until he had seen the Messiah (Luke 2:29-32).
 - **Anna** was a prophetess and was committed to praying and fasting at the Temple. She was used as an instrument by God to tell true believers that the Messiah had come, namely, those that were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem (the fulfillment of the New Covenant – Jeremiah 32:37-41).

- Faith and Works (Leviticus 12:1-8)
 - **Circumcision:** It was commanded that when a child was 8 days old he would be circumcised (Genesis 17:9-14; Leviticus 12:3).
 - **The Purification:** A woman was ceremonially unclean after giving birth. This was to remind the people that everyone is born into sin. Both the mother and the child needed to be saved from their sins.
 - **Present Him to the Lord:** Every firstborn male is given to the Lord and able to be redeemed by purchasing them back from the Lord (Exodus 13:1-16; Numbers 3:12-13; 18:15-24)
 - **Sacrifices:** She would be made ceremonially clean by the burnt offering (renewed relationship with God) and the sin offering (admittance of guilt before God) made by the Priest (Leviticus 12:1-8).

- The Purpose of Israel: (Deuteronomy 7:6-11)
 - The Messiah would come from a Nation. (Genesis 12:1-3)
 - The Messiah would be rejected by a Nation. (Isaiah 8:14-15; 53:3)
 - The Messiah would rule from a Nation. (Isaiah 9:6-7)
 - The world would understand about *Yahweh* and *The Messiah* by the practices of a Nation. (Hebrews 8-10)
 - The Word of God came from a Nation. (Romans 3:1-2)

Worship: This Amazing Grace — Phil Wickham

Tis So Sweet — Various Artists

Holy Holy Holy — Various Artists

Closing Song: Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. These notes and gifts can be given to Elder Zach anytime throughout the month, he will collect them all and give them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month, if you would like to give toward this gift, you can either use the giving box in the entryway, please make sure to use a giving envelope to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month, or by Venmo, again, making sure to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We are having a Fall Get-together and bonfire at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron) *NEXT* Saturday, October 28th, starting at 6pm. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring things like supplies for s'mores, or to bring hot cider, hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee, etc. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** We will begin a new course one week from tomorrow, on October 30th, from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall: "The Book of Acts" which could also be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit Through the Apostles." The book of Acts records the birth of the Church, consisting of Jews and Gentiles, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is mentioned more than fifty times, and we learn about how the Holy Spirit Regenerates, Baptizes, Fills, and Sanctifies believers. We see the Gospel going forth from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, we read about the conversion of the Apostle Paul and his calling to the Gentiles, resulting in Paul's three missionary journeys and then being sent to Rome for execution. The Book of Acts shows us the principles for Discipling believers, building the Church, and Evangelizing the World, and fulfilling the Great Commission. If anyone is interested in this course, please let Elder Richard know so we can print a syllabus for you for the study.

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** THIS Wednesday, October 25th, is our monthly day of prayer. We ask that everyone set aside time on this day to pray specifically for the elders, the deacons, the ministries, and the church body as a whole.