



LET'S GO DEEPER

The Third Person – March 3rd 2024 – Pastor Sandra

Key Verse - LUKE 2:25-35

“At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him 26 and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27 That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, 28 Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!” Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. 35 As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

1. Realize the Holy Spirit is in you

Romans 8:5-9 “Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.

JOHN 5:19 “So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way.”

Romans 8 :11 “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”

How does Simeon know that Jesus is the Messiah?

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How is the Holy Spirit different from the Old Testament – the New Testament.

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Questions:

1. Read Genesis 1:1 – who is present in this first verse?

2. Read Revelation 22:17 Who is present in this verse?



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2. His Presence can change you

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. [a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

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Questions:

1. Why do we need to be changed by the presence of God?

2. How much can God's presence change you?

3. How can God change us?

4. What areas of your life do you want/need change?



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3. His Presence can empower you

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Ephesians 5:18 “Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,”

Jesus who said to His apostles, these works that I do, you'll do even greater. He was telling us; His followers would do greater work because He was going to indwell them in the person of the Holy Spirit.

“The most holy and necessary practice in our spiritual life is the presence of God.” Brother Lawrence

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE THIS WEEK?

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QUESTIONS:

1. How does his presence empower you?

2. How are we as His followers, able to do greater work than Jesus?

KEY POINTS
