

Simeon's Song: Why Christmas Is So Amazing

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³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Luke 2:33 (NIV)

Three reasons why Christmas is so amazing:

1. There's nothing God wants more *than to save everyone*.

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,..." Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:
⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
Luke 1:67-68 (NIV)

³⁰ "For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel." Luke 2:30-32 (NIV)

• Mary and Joseph have learned: <u>Jesus is to be shared</u>.

⁴ God wants all people to be saved. 1 Timothy 2:4a (ICB)

2. There is nothing more thrilling *than God working in my life*.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. Luke 2:25-27a (NIV) • Prayer *invites* and *involves* God.

²⁹ "Lord and Master, I am your loving servant, and now I can die content, ³⁰ for your promise to me has been fulfilled. With my own eyes I have seen your Word, the Savior you sent into the world." Luke 2:29-30 (TPT)

¹⁵ "...I am overwhelmed by how much you have done for me. ¹⁶ I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign Lord. I will tell everyone that you alone are just and good." **Psalm 71:15b-16 (NLT)**

⁴ Since before time began no one has ever imagined, No ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you who works for those who wait for him. Isaiah 64:4 (MSG)

3. There is nothing more satisfying *than knowing Jesus*.

²⁸ Simeon was there and took the child in his arms, praising God.
²⁹ "Lord," he said, "now I can die content! For I have seen him as you promised me I would. I have seen the Savior you have given to the world."

²⁰ People will never stop dying and being destroyed, and they will never stop wanting more than they have. **Proverbs 27:20 (NCV)**

⁵ You satisfy me more than the richest feast... Psalm 63:5a (NLT)