



Pastor Todd Schlechty
December 27, 2015

The Force Unveiled
Luke 2:21-32

The Force Vs. The Biblical Triune God

- Differences:
- Similarities:

What is the power that we need? Where does it come from? How can we receive it? What does it look like?

Discovering the Force:

Luke 2:21-26 *And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "EVERY firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS." 25 And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking 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.*

I. Experiencing _____ but wanting more.

Vs. 25 *... there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel;*

II. Experiencing _____ but wanting more.

Vs. 25c

...and the Holy Spirit was upon him...

III. Experiencing the _____.

Luke 2:26-32 *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 carry out for Him the custom of the Law, 28 then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation, 31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel."*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What am I looking for? Do I expect Jesus to show up in my life? How often do I actually expect God to do something?
2. How do I know God versus simply knowing about God?
3. What am I looking for in life and faith? Am I happy with a little religion? Devotion? Or do I long to know God? Do I long to experience God's presence and power in my life?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Todd about your relationship with Christ, please email pastortodd@thevineva.org or call 703.819.7795 to set up an appointment.