

Advent, 2025

Peace

Luke 1:67-80

Study Notes

Thoughts and Quotes from the Sermon

Zechariah and Elizabeth were “righteous.” This does not mean that they were justified by the keeping of the law. The NT makes it clear that OT saints were saved by faith, just as we are – they were saved by believing God’s promises as they had been revealed to that point. Jesus had not yet come, of course, to die for our sins. Nonetheless, “Abraham believed

Advent means arrival, or coming, or appearance. It is often used for the arrival of important person. During this season, we celebrate the First Coming – or the First Advent of our Lord – and we anticipate his Second Coming, or his Second Advent.

The Benedictus: Luke 1:68-79. *Benedictus* is the first word of verse 69 in the Vulgate, thus the title given to this passage. *Benedictus* means *blessed*.

The Vulgate: A late 4th century Latin translation of the Bible, mostly (if not completely) translated by Jerome, a contemporary of St. Augustine.

Chuck Swindoll: Never expect, or accept, glory that belongs to God.

Application from the Sermon

1. Redemption is in Jesus and no other – ask God for the heart and will to serve him in holiness and righteousness all your days
2. Through the Holy Spirit, you have knowledge of God’s salvation in Christ – preach the gospel to the lost and to your brothers and sisters in Christ
3. Although you once dwelled in darkness and lived in the shadow of death, life and light have been given to you – ask the Lord to guide your feet into the way of peace

Scripture Associated with the Message

Genesis 15:6 And he (Abraham) believed the LORD (Yahweh), and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

Galatians 3:6 . . . just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

James 2:23 . . . the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

The doubts of John the Baptist, which came because he did not understand that Jesus had come to die rather than conquer politically:

Matthew 11:1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” 4 And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has

suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”