

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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Christmas Series 2017 **Zechariah's Testimony**

"Do you remember how it felt to hold your new baby?"

TEXT: [Luke 1:67-79](#)

EXPOSITION

Structure

Main Point

1. The story of Jesus (vv67-71)

THE MAIN POINT (VV72-73)

2. The story of John (vv74-79)

God has fulfilled His promise to Abraham through the birth of Jesus.

The baby Zechariah is holding will be God's prophet who fulfills the prophetic promise of a Deliverer through Abraham (and David's) family, who will bring the totality of salvation to God's people, to fulfill the purpose of God's people of holy, eternal worship of the Lord, God.

1. THE TOTALITY OF SALVATION

- Total physical and spiritual well-being.
- Total body and soul.
- Starting at conversion and culminating in the New Heaven and New Earth.
- It is viewed in the Bible in terms of past, present and future. It is totally complete now. It is being worked out through time; and it will be accomplished
- It is for all the redeemed, from all the nations, from all time, for ever and ever.

- ✓ All summed up in one word: ***Immanuel***, God with us!
- ✓ Salvation can be described by two words: ***Eternal Life***.
- ✓ Salvation is one sentence is ***the reversal of every consequence of the curse of sin.***

2. THE PURPOSE OF SALVATION

[Exodus 7:16b](#)

“Missions exist because worship doesn’t.” - [Dr. John Piper](#)

God’s redeems with intention – with purpose.

APPLICATION

[Romans 2:29](#) & [Galatians 3:28–29](#)

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