

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Luke 2:21-32

Introduction

Q: When you look back on 2025, what do you see?

Q: When you look ahead to 2026, what do you see?

Voice #1 – “Do you see what I see?” Do you see Jesus as your _____?

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 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. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” - Luke 2: 25-32

Voice #2 – “Do you hear what I hear?” Do you hear the _____ of God?

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” - Romans 10:17

“They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler! Who will shepherd my people Israel.’” - Matthew 2:5-6

“As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” - Luke 11:27-28

So much of Christmas is visual, but the Christ is received by _____ It is said that faith sees, but not without faith that first, _____!

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Seeing and hearing lead to the 3rd verse of this Christmas Carol

Voice #3 – “Do you know what I know? Do you know who this _____ is?

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6

“But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.” - Luke 2:19-20

Voice #4 – “Listen to what I say! Pray for _____, people, everywhere!

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light!

Peace with _____ (Romans 5:1)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace with _____ (Philippians 4:6-7)

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace with _____ (Romans 12:18)

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.