



“IMMEDIATELY HIS MOUTH WAS OPENED AND HIS TONGUE LOOSED, AND HE SPOKE, PRAISING GOD.” – LUKE 1:64



# Restoring the Joy of Salvation

# A Joyful Occasion

- ▶ “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Lk. 1:76-79)
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# 1. Repentance

- ▶ : David in his Psalm of Repentance
- ▶ “Give me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a directing spirit.” (Ps. 50:12 LXX)
- ▶ Adam and Eve
- ▶ “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” (Gen. 3:8)



## 2. Reconciliation



- ▶ “Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” (Matt. 5:23-24)



## 3. Restitution

- ▶ Zacchaeus
- ▶ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”  
9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house...”  
(Lk. 19:8-9)
- ▶ David’s son

# 4. Forgiveness

- ▶ Joseph with his brothers in Egypt
  - ▶ “But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.” (Gen. 45:5)
- ▶ St. Stephen
  - ▶ “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” (Acts 7:56)



## 5. Assurance

- ▶ We cannot share in the joy of Salvation if we doubt the promises of God.
- ▶ “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (Jn. 3:17)

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- ▶ We become the aroma of Christ
- ▶ “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.” (2 Cor. 2:14-15)



# Summary

- ▶ To restore the joy of Salvation
  - ▶ Repentance
  - ▶ Reconciliation
  - ▶ Restitution
  - ▶ Forgiveness
  - ▶ Assurance
- ▶ The Manifestation of the Joy of Salvation
  - ▶ We serve Him and share the joy of salvation with others
  - ▶ Like a sweet fragrance that radiates to those around us