

**Christmas Eve:
“The Multifaceted Gift of Christmas”**

Luke 1:67-79

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***Praise God for the multifaceted gift of salvation
that we have in Jesus.***

I. Zechariah blesses God for saving his people through Jesus (vv. 67-75)

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

II. Zechariah blesses his son John for preparing the way for Jesus (vv. 76-79)

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people

in the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Seven facets (or aspects) of the gift of salvation that we have in Jesus:

- I. Visitation: God visits his people
- II. Compassion: God shows his “tender mercy” to his people
- III. Forgiveness: God forgives the sin of his people
- IV. Cost: God redeems his people
- V. Deliverance: God delivers his people from their enemies
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 = “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- VI. Light: God gives light to his people
- VII. Fulfilment: God fulfils his promises to his people