

Hope at Christmas
Simeon's Hope - Luke 2:25-32

Intro: What “hopes” are on your Christmas List this year? Do you have hope at Christmas? Do you have Simeon's hope?

I. Hope Was _____ – Luke 2:25

Simeon's pursuit was connected to a confident expectation based on truth, and unlike how many pursue hope.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____ – All built on false hope.

Simeon's hope is different because he exercised faith in God's promise.

II. Hope Was _____ – Luke 2:25, 26, 30, 32

A. Jesus is the _____ – 2:25 (also Luke 2:38)

B. Jesus is the _____ – 2:26

C. Jesus is the _____ of the World – 2:30, 32
(Also Luke 2:10-11)

III. Hope was _____ – Luke 2:29

Simeon was prepared to _____ because he had hope and peace.

Simeon was prepared to _____ each of his days in hope.

Conclusion: Simeon's hope is what God wants each of us to have. It is the hope at Christmas and for every day of the year that has come through Christ.

This is not a hope based on a Christmas wish list, riches, relationships, or religion. It is a hope that is rooted in faith in Christ, that produces the fruit of peace in our lives regardless of what we encounter and prepares us for the day of our departure.

Small Group Questions

1. How has your “Christmas Wish List” changed over the years?
2. What do you think the statement, “The way to know hope personally is to understand it properly” means?
3. Discuss how “confident expectation” and “hope” mean the same thing.
4. What was Simeon’s hope or confident expectation – Luke 2:25?
5. Discuss the four ways that people tend to pursue hope and why none of them offer true hope.
6. Jesus came as the promised Comforter, Messiah, and Savior. How does knowing this about Jesus give you hope?
7. What did Simeon have peace over and was prepared to do having seen the fulfillment of God’s promise?
8. How could you use Simeon’s life as a way to encourage someone that feels hopeless over life and or death?
9. How is God calling you to think differently?
10. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?