

## **What Makes Christmas Special? - HOPE**

### **Luke 2:25-35**

#### **1. Hope in God affects how I age**

*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. (25)*

#### **2. Hope in God affects how I live**

*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. (26)*

#### **3. Hope in God affects how I work**

*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, (27)*

#### **4. Hope in God affects how I speak**

*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." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." (28-35)*