

THE
PROMISES
OF
CHRISTMAS





THE HOPE OF

Christmas



Luke 2:

25 ¶ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 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. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, 28 then he took Him into his



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arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation, 31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. 34 And



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Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— 35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."



Gift from Father

- His Love, Joy, Peace...
- Empowers Hope!
- An faithful servant...
 - Not rich, powerful or popular
 - Consolation of Israel...



Why Simeon?

- Look at his creds...
- Righteous – following the Law
- Devout – careful, “take hold well”
- Looking/waiting/expecting
- Holy Spirit “upon him”



'Revealed'

- “warned of God” Mt 2:12, 22 magi/Joseph
 - Is the HS speaking?
 - Are we listening?
- “not see death” (26)
- See “the Lord’s Christ”



Embrace

- A young couple with a child
- Simeon held Jesus (28)
- ‘I can die now!’
- But, all he had was a baby??? NO!
- HOPE!!!



He had the Lord's Christ!

- We must recognize who Jesus is!
 - Who do YOU say I am?
 - Is He really God's Salvation? (see Isa 40)
 - Jews would reject HIM!



So where's the HOPE?

- Hope is God's consistent character!
 - What he did for ...
 - God's heart is shown in our needs!
 - God of HOPE! Rom 15:13







Romans 5:

1 ¶ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

THE
Story
OF *hope*

