

# CHRISTMAS: HOW HOPE WORKS

LUKE 2:25-32

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**INTRODUCTION:** A LIFE OF FAITH IS HARD TO SUSTAIN FOR A LIFETIME IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IT "WORKS." THANKFULLY, SIMEON SHOWS US HOW!

## HOW HOPE "WORKS":

- GOD GAVE US \_\_\_\_\_ WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR.  
( LUKE 2:25, ISAIAH 40:1-11, ROMANS 8:20-23, TITUS 2:13, 2 PETER 3:12-13)  
⇒ FOR SIMEON: THE " \_\_\_\_\_ OF ISRAEL."  
  
⇒ FOR US: \_\_\_\_\_, THE RETURN OF \_\_\_\_\_, A WHOLE NEW \_\_\_\_\_!
- GOD EXPECTS US TO \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ WHILE WAITING.  
( LUKE 2:25)
- GOD GAVE US A \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ TO ENJOY WHILE WE WAIT. ( LUKE 2:26-30)  
⇒ FOR SIMEON: HOLDING THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIS ARMS.  
  
⇒ FOR US: THE PRESENCE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ WITHIN.
- THIS CREATES A \_\_\_\_\_ THAT SUSTAINS OUR \_\_\_\_\_.  
( LUKE 2:30-32, ROMANS 8:23-28, ROMANS 5:3-5)

**CONCLUSION:** A VIGOROUS HOPE IS THE ONLY WAY TO SUSTAIN A LIFE A FAITH.  
WILL YOU COMMIT TO TRUST AND OBEY GOD IN THE PRESENT?