

# Sunday Sermon Questions • 11/30/2025

## Advent Week 1 • Hope

### **Eternal vs. Temporary: What Are We Rooted In?**

How do you personally distinguish between wishful thinking and biblical hope?  
What are some examples of temporary things we often place our hope in, and how can we begin shifting toward an eternal perspective?

### **The Waiting Room of Faith**

Simeon waited faithfully for years without evidence, yet never lost hope.  
What areas of your life feel like a season of waiting?  
How might Simeon's steadfast hope reshape the way you wait for God's promises?

### **Hope That Cannot Be Shaken**

*Simeon didn't need to see miracles or the end result—holding Jesus was enough.  
What would it look like for us to say, like Simeon, "Lord, what You've promised is enough" even when we haven't seen the outcome yet?*

### **Hope for the World—not Just Me**

Simeon proclaimed that Jesus came for both Jew and Gentile—for all people.  
How does knowing that Hope has been offered to the whole world challenge the way we love, include, and share Jesus with others?

### **Hope That Must Be Shared**

The sermon closes with the reminder that hope isn't meant to be kept—it's meant to be shared. Who in your life needs the hope of Jesus this Christmas, and what practical step could you take to share it with them this week?

### **Prayer Prompt:**

Lord, thank You that Hope is not an idea, a feeling, or a wish—Hope has a name, and His name is Jesus. Help me to place my hope not in circumstances or outcomes, but in Your eternal promises. Give me the courage to trust You in the waiting, to hold fast even when I cannot yet see the fulfillment of what You've spoken.  
Like Simeon, fill me with expectant faith.  
Help me to live with joy, with anticipation, with confidence in Your Word.  
Let the Hope You have placed within me overflow into the lives of others.  
Show me who needs Your hope this week, and give me boldness and compassion to share it.  
Jesus, You are the Light for all nations—the Hope of the world.  
This Christmas, anchor my heart in You alone.  
Amen.