

III. \_\_\_\_\_ THE WORD OF GOD (2:33-35, 38b)

- A. Simeon shared the Word with \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 33-35)

*“Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,”*  
I Peter 2:7

*“Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.”*  
John 8:41

*“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother...”*  
John 19:25a

- B. Anna shared the Word with \_\_\_\_\_ (v38b)

*“13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

*15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

*16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?*

*17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*  
Romans 10:13-17

**CONCLUSION:** Don't stop believing!!

*“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”*  
Mark 9:23

**DON'T STOP BELIEVING~FIND HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS**

**Don't Stop Believing When Waiting**

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**INTRODUCTION**

- A. One of the most popular messages of Christmas is captured in a single word: believe. Many people are believing in the arrival of gifts and family, however few are focused on believing in Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season and hope is found in Him so don't stop believing!!!

Elizabeth said to Mary, *“And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.”*  
Luke 1:45

- B. Join me as we unwrap four Christmas messages on believing. Come and discover hope this Christmas!

Dec 5 Don't Stop Believing When Doubting  
Dec 12 Don't Stop Believing When Stressing  
Dec 19 Don't Stop Believing When Working  
TODAY Don't Stop Believing When Waiting

This series is based on Luke chapters one and two.

- C. **TEXT:** Luke 2:21-38 (Pew Bible Page 60/New Testament)

The word “believe” is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament.

This passage focuses on Simeon & Anna and how they believed when \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW TO BELIEVE WHEN WAITING

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ THE WILL OF GOD (2:21-27a, 36-37)

#### A. Simeon obeyed God as a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 21-27a)

*“And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations,”*

Genesis 17:12a

*“Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.”*

Exodus 13:2

*“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”*

Romans 8:14

*“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*

Hebrews 10:25

#### B. Anna obeyed God as a prayer \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 36-37)

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

Hebrews 11:6

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

*“11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

*12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”*

Titus 2:11-12

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE SON OF GOD (2:27b-32, 38a)

### A. Simeon found hope in Jesus as a dying \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 27b-32)

*“For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”*

Hebrews 10:36

*“4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

*5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”*

Galatians 4:4-5

*“16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

*17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”*

Romans 1:16-17

*“6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*

*7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:”*

II Timothy 4:6-7

### B. Anna found hope in Jesus as a dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ (v 38a)

*“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”*

I Thessalonians 5:18

*“32 ...He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:*

*33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.*

*34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.”*

I Corinthians 7:32b-34