

Message: ***"Waiting for Something Special"***

Scripture: Luke 2:25-35

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Waiting, we all do it. We wait in lines. Sometimes it seems that all we do is wait. Life is one mad rush to get from one wait to another. A report said that on average, we spend six months sitting at stoplights—and over 5 years waiting in lines. Five years! I'm sure you've heard: "Good things come to those who wait" and "Some things are worth waiting for." Is this true? Is there anything you would be willing to wait your entire life for? This morning I want us to look at an amazing person who waited his entire life for something. We will learn two important principles: first: Good things **do** happen to those who wait; second: **what** exactly is that "Good" that's worth waiting for.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. Someone once said you become what you are longing for. It's true. That describes Simeon. He became more and more like the One he walks with. What's your life like?
2. Sometimes, that's what God calls us to do - to wait. It's not exciting nor fun. At times, that's all God wants for us to do ... wait. A part of every Christian's maturing process is a period of waiting. A mushroom matures in a few days, but an oak tree takes hundreds of years. Which would you rather be? a mushroom or an oak tree?
3. What are you longing for in life? At Christmas we are reminded of gift-giving because it was God who first gave to us. Have you received this gift? Can it be said that you come and adore Him, Christ the Lord? Don't miss this most precious gift of all. And make sure you share Him with others.