

Nov 29

Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties

Advent Week 1

- I. Introduction
 - A. Advent: Coming or Arrival
 - B. Extension of Christmas: Past, Present, Future
 - 1. Ancient longing for the coming Messiah
 - 2. Celebration of His birth
 - 3. Watching for His second coming
- II. Simeon & Anna's Story
 - A. In the midst of troubles, Simeon experiences the promise of God - Luke 2:22-35
 - B. After years of waiting, Anna experiences the provision of God - Luke 2:36-38
 - C. God will keep His promises and we will see His provision
- III. Our takeaway from Simeon and Anna
 - A. Hope sees beyond - Rom. 8:1,24-26
 - B. God is with us - here, now and always - Jer. 29:11; Isa. 43:1,2
 - C. Hope inspires us to carry on - Rom. 5:2-5
- IV. Takeaway:
 - A. Romans 15:13
 - B. Joy and peace come only through our hope in the Lord and His promises.