**CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES** forSunday, December 11, 2016

**THE TWO SIDES OF CHRISTMAS**

**Part 1**

**Luke 2:25-32**

**THE FOUR LAWS OF A PROMISE**

**LAW #1 - A promise is only as good as the promise maker.**

**LAW #2 - A promise must be embraced now in order for it to be fully effective.**

**LAW #3 – Believing a promise doesn’t make it true.**

**LAW #4 – Some promises are conditional. Some promises are unconditional.**

**Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.**

A promise is **a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen**.

Luke 2:25

*Simeon waited.*

*Wait is a verb.*

*If you want to experience a promise you must wait.*

**GOD’S PROMISES ARE FOUND IN THREE DIRECTIONS**

• Some promises call on us to look to the future.

**I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**

Jesus in John 14:3

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, whohave been called according to his purpose.**

Romans 8:28

• Some promises are given about our present.

**No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be temptedbeyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.**

1 Corinthians 10:13

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,I will fear no evil, for you are with me**

Psalm 23:4

• Some promises were fulfilled in the past but impact us in the present and in the future.

**Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:**

**“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
    you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
    which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
    and the glory of your people Israel.”**

Luke 2:28-32

WE NEED TO WAIT ON GOD’S PROMISES . . .

HIS FUTURE PROMISES, HIS PAST PROMISES AND HIS PRESENT PROMISES.

THIS IS GOD’S GIFT TO US.

AND IT IS ALL BECAUSE OF THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF JESUS.