

God's Full Resolution
Part 3 of 3 in Series:
Facing the Challenges of Christmas
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Text: Luke 2:21-35

Much of our heartache at Christmas is tied up with waiting for things as they should be and how we know they should be.

_____ ON GOD (Luke 2:21-24)

Simeon was waiting. God had promised him that he wouldn't die until he saw the Messiah...and he waited years on end...

“Waiting isn't just a matter of getting what we're waiting for: it is also a matter of the kind of person we become in the process.”
John Ortberg

_____, NOT RESOLUTION OF
CHRISTMAS (Luke 2:27-32)

When Simeon sees Jesus come at Christmas, his waiting was only relieved, not resolved.

Christ coming at Christmas scratches that itch we have in our waiting so we can hold out for God to fully resolve our waiting which may only fully happen in eternity.

_____ THROUGH SORROW
(Luke 2:33-35)

God's relief now is that Jesus died to give you a relationship of acceptance with God, forgiveness of your sin, freedom from guilt, and a life justified before God. That is God's relief for us now.

Then, look beyond, by faith in Christ, for His full resolution which is eternal life with Him.