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What Are You Waiting For?



1. The Setting



“Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.”

(Luke 2:21-24)



“Then it was time for the purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.”

(Luke 2:21-24)



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“The law of the Lord says, ‘If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord.’ So they offered a sacrifice according to what was required in the law of the Lord – either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

(Luke 2:21-24)



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- 3) Purification of the mother.



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The “Hot” Christmas Toys *‘50’s & ‘60’s*



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The “Hot” Christmas Toys *‘70’s & ‘80’s*



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The “Hot” Christmas Toys '90's & '00's



What are children going to
learn from you this
Christmas?



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(Ephesians 6:4)



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Your children are waiting for
you to teach them about Jesus.



2. Simeon...

Waiting For Comfort



2. Simeon: Waiting for Comfort

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 upon Him.

(Luke 2:25-26)



It had been revealed to him
by the Holy Spirit that he
would not die before he had
seen the Lord's Christ.

(Luke 2:25-26)



Simeon took the
baby in his arms
and thanked God.
(Luke 2:28, NCV)



3. Anna...

Waiting for Forgiveness



“...never left the temple
but worshipped day
and night.”

(Luke 2:37)



3. Anna: Waiting for Forgiveness

“Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.”

(Luke 2:38)



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Jesus said, “I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave.

(John 8:34-36, MSG)



3. Anna: Waiting for Forgiveness

A slave is a transient, who can't come and go at will. The Son, though, has an established position, the run of the house. So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through.

(John 8:34-36, MSG)



4. Jesus...

Waiting for Us



So the Lord must wait for you to
come to him so he can show you
his love and compassion.

For the Lord is a faithful God.

(Isaiah 30:18, NLT)



Where are you
waiting for
comfort?



Do You Need Freedom?



How Can I Put My Faith Into Action?



Application:

1) Be a Mover



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“Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.”

(Luke 2:27)



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them at that
very moment,
she gave thanks
to God...”

(Luke 2:38)



Application: Be a Mover

“May it be
to me as
you have
said.”

(Luke 1:38)



Application: Be a Mover

“...did what the angel of the Lord had commanded and took Mary home as his wife.”

(Matthew 1:24)



Application: Be a Mover

“Let’s go to
Bethlehem and
see this thing that
has happened...”

(Luke 2:15)



Action Steps:

1) Be a Mover

2) Become a Messenger



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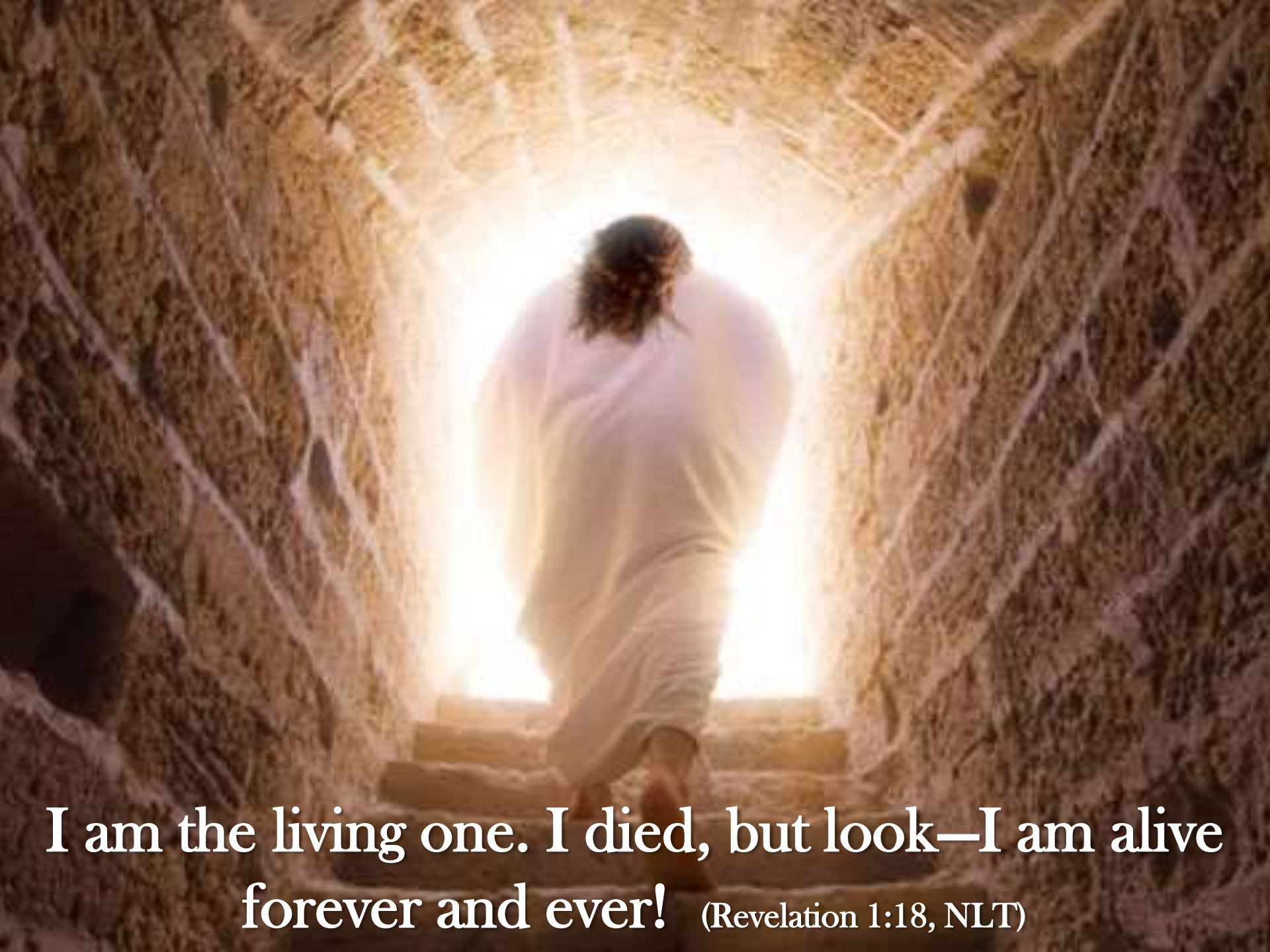
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(Luke 2:38)









I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive
forever and ever! (Revelation 1:18, NLT)

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