

Jewish Observances Done by Mary & Joseph Luke 2:21-24

All Jewish families _____ these laws as given in the Old Testament. All three would find Christ the _____ of the prophetic representation of each of these rituals. They all point to Christ and His work on earth.

“²¹And when _____ days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called _____, which was so named of the angel _____ he was conceived in the womb.” Luke 2:21

I. The Rite of Circumcision & Naming of the Child – Done on the ____ day of life.

- Primary Old Testament Scripture –
 Genesis 17:1-14 – Circumcision given to _____.
 Leviticus 12:3 – Circumcision within the _____.
- Purpose - Circumcision was Abraham’s part in the _____ making process. It was to serve as an _____ of an _____ to God. Unfortunately, the Jews would do the _____ but not have the _____ for God.

- Primary New Testament Scripture –
 Romans 2:25-29; 4:11; Galatians 3:23-29; 5:6; 6:15; Philippians 3:3-11 – An outward religious show without inward heart for God means _____ of eternal significance to Him!

Colossians 2:9-14 Ruling power of sin is removed by Christ - a type of _____ of the heart.

- Believer’s Application -
 _____ but the acceptance of the work of Christ on the cross for our sins can make our standing before God right. Ephesians 2:8-22

**“²²And when the days of _____ purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present _____ to the Lord; ²³(As it is written in the law of the LORD, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) ²⁴And to offer a _____ according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”
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II. Rite of Purification – Done about the _____ day after birth.

- Primary Old Testament Scripture –
 Leviticus 12 – Women’s purification within the _____.

- Purpose – These offerings and sacrifice was for the purifying of the Jewish _____ after bringing a sinful child into the world. “Christ was not conceived and born in sin as others are; yet, because He was made under the law, He complied with it.” Matthew Henry, p. 1571

- Primary New Testament Scripture – Titus 2:14; Hebrews 1:3; 7:24-27; 9:22-28; I John 1:7 – Christ _____ us from our sin! He is our _____.

- Believer’s Application –

Are you uncomfortable with the thought of _____? Scripture is full of the _____ of our sinful nature and the _____ we have for a _____ before God. Have you accepted the _____ of Christ on your behalf? John 3:16, 36; 10:28; Romans 3:10-25; 5:1-15; 10:8-13

III. The Rite of Redemption – Done about the _____ day after birth.

- Primary Old Testament Scripture – Exodus 13:1-2 – God _____ all firstborn based on sparing the firstborn of Israel in Egypt. Numbers 3:13; 8:16-17; 18:15-17 – Firstborn required to God within the _____.

- Purpose – God claimed all first born _____ and _____ as His possession. One could redeem (_____) from God children and unclean beasts. This law was a _____ of God’s work for Israel in Egypt and a picture of Christ’s work on the cross for the redemption for man.

- Primary New Testament Scripture – Matthew 5:17-18; Galatians 3:13; 4:1-5; Titus 2:14; I Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 1:7; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 9:11-14; John 1:29 _____ is our Redeemer! His blood is the _____ for our sins! He is our _____. (Revelation 5:9) Luke 1:68 is the first mention of Christ our _____.

- Believer’s Application –

Luke 24:18-21 Christ’s followers _____ his redemptive work.

1. One must have _____ to believe the Word of God.

2. _____ must open our eyes.

_____ opened v. 31

_____ opened v. 32

_____ opened v. 45

Our prayer must be Psalms 119:18 “_____ thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

“Our Lord’s relationship to the law is an important part of His saving ministry. He was made under the law (Gal. 4:4); and though He rejected man’s religious traditions, He obeyed God’s law perfectly (John 8:46). He bore the curse of the law for us (Gal. 3:13) and set us free from bondage (Gal. 5:1)” Warren Wiersbe p. 143