



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 2:21-24 (NAS)

Topic: "Early Days of Jesus' Earthly Life"

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- 21 And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.
- 22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord
- 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "EVERY firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"),
- 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS."

I. BIRTH A SPECIAL TIME

- A. To See God's Blessing *Psalm 127:3*
- B. To See God's Hand On Our Lives *Psalm 14:1*

II. IT WAS THE EIGHTH DAY

- A. The Day Prescribed By God For Circumcision *Genesis 17:11,12*
 1. God commanded it
 2. It was an act of obedience
- B. Reasons For Circumcision
 1. It was a sign of the covenant
 2. It was a sign of inclusion in the family of God
 3. Similar to the N.T. sign of baptism *Acts 2:39*

C. It Was The First Evidence Of A Life Of Obedience

1. Jesus' obedience was for us *Eph. 2:11-14; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11-14*
2. It was imputed to us

III. HIS NAME WAS DECLARED

- A. Not A Family Name
- B. Not A Parent Determined Name
- C. A God Given Name

IV. WHY THE NAME JESUS?

- A. Could Have Been Named King *Revelation 17:4*
- B. Could Have Been Named Teacher
- C. He Was Named Jesus Meaning Savior *Luke 19:10*
- D. It Is What He Came To Do—To Save
 1. Past
 2. Present
 3. Future