

# The Circumcision And Presentation Of Jesus ①

Luke 2:21-40

Intro. A. The conception of Jesus was unique.

1. It was unique in all the human race.
2. Adam was created an adult, he was not born.
3. Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived by <sup>a</sup> virgin.

B. The birth of Jesus was not unique.

1. He was born as all children are born.
2. It was unusual because of angelic annunciation.
3. It was in a stable and He was laid in a manger.

## I. The Circumcision of The Child.

A. Its origin and purpose.

- Vs. 21
1. Instituted by God. Gen. 17: 9-14
  2. It was performed on the eighth day.
  3. It was a cutting of the flesh.

περιτέμνω = "to cut around".

4. Child was named at the time of.
5. It was a reminder of God's promises and of the man's responsibilities.

- Vs. 21
6. MARY and Joseph fulfilled all of these
  7. They named Him Jesus, in obedience.

B. Circumcision after the crucifixion.

- Col. 2:14
1. It was no longer necessary.
- Gal. 6:15
2. It avails nothing spiritually.
  3. It is of the heart, not of the flesh.

## II. The Presentation Of Jesus.

Vs. 22 A. "They brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord."

παρίστημι = "to stand nearby", "to exhibit"

### C. Simeon eulogized God.

- Vs. 28 1. He took Jesus up in his arms.  
2. He blessed God. = εὐλογέω = "to speak well of, as of men towards God"; "to praise God"

### D. Simeon's words of blessing.

- Vs. 29 1. He was now ready to die.  
Vs. 30 2. He had seen God's plan of deliverance.  
Vs. 31 3. His plan was for all people.  
Vs. 32a 4. Jesus would give light to the gentiles.  
Vs. 32b 5. He would be a source of glory to Israel.  
Vs. 33 6. Joseph and Mary marvelled at his words.

### E. Simeon eulogized Mary and Joseph.

- Vs. 34a 1. "And Simeon blessed them".  
2. "and said unto Mary his mother".  
3. Jesus would be the cause of some stumbling and of some be<sup>ing</sup> raised up. The Pharisees stumbled and sinners and Publicans were returned.  
4. As a sign of the nearness of God's Kingdom He would be falsely accused and condemned.  
5. "He will be a standard that many men will attack".  
6. The hearts of those who attack Him will be revealed.  
7. "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also". (to Mary)

## IV. The Thanksgiving of Anna.

### A. Anna and her character.

- Vs. 36a 1. She was a prophetess, of the tribe of Asher.  
Vs. 37a 2. She was 84 years old. Her husband died after only 7 years of marriage.  
Vs. 37b 3. She attended all of the temple services.  
4. She served God day and night.