

**“BORN UNDER THE LAW TO MAKE US SONS”**

**Luke 2:21-24, 39-40**

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**I. Does the special status of this child mean all bets were off? (vv. 21)**

Abrahamic Covenant: all male children were circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day.

*“when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus”*

Bloody sign of circumcision → baptism

Jesus came under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law to \_\_\_\_\_ the law.

**Genesis 17:12-13**

**Romans 4:11**

**Galatians 4:4**

*“What has not been assumed has not been redeemed.”* -Athanasius of Alexandria

*“For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is united to His Godhead is also saved.”*  
-Gregory of Nazianzus

**II. Did their obedience end with the sign of the covenant and His name? (vv. 22-24)**

*“When the time came for their purification”*

*“they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord”*

*“to offer a sacrifice ... a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons”*

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ with sinners to \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.

**Exodus 13:1-2**

**Leviticus 12**

**2 Corinthians 8:9**

**III. How did Jesus grow up? (vv. 39-40)**

*"when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord"*

*"they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth"*

*"And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."*

*"And the favor/grace of God was upon him."*

**Jesus lived by \_\_\_\_\_ to model living by \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Judges 13:24**

**Philippians 2:5-7**

*"While Jesus was nursing at Mary's breast, he was at the same time holding the universe together with his hands."*

-Martin Luther

*"There is only this difference between us and him, that the weaknesses which press upon us, by a necessity which we cannot avoid, were undertaken by him voluntarily, and of his own accord."*

-John Calvin

*"The grace of God was upon Jesus, but his sacrifice in giving his life will make it possible for all of his followers to enjoy God's favor."*

-Mark Strauss

**BIG IDEA:**

**Jesus was born under the \_\_\_\_\_ to make us \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**