

January 12, 2020 – Luke 2:21-24 THEME: The Law Of The Lord – It Is Written!

“On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

How do you feel about all those rules and regulations in life? If you download an APP on your computer or smart phone, you need to first click “I agree” to the list of rules and regulation.

When you buy a vehicle you need to first get it insured and pay the vehicle registration in order to legally drive the vehicle on the road. You also need to be sure to have a driver’s license, to legally drive a vehicle on the road.

When you have DTE hook up your electricity or CONSUMERS hook up your heat, you agree to pay the bills. If you do not, they will shut off your heat and electricity.

When you get married, you promise to be faithful to your spouse. If you are not faithful, it often results in divorce. When driving on the road you need to obey the speed limits, or risk getting a ticket for speeding. As an American citizen, you are required to pay your taxes on your income. Life is filled with Rules and regulations!

God gave Adam and Eve One simple rule in the Garden of Eden: Do not eat from “The tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.” They ate and hence sin, and death and sorrow entered the world.

God told Cain, “Sin in Crouching at your door, do not kill your brother Abel. Cain did not listen and killed Abel, and God then placed a curse upon Cain, and said that when he works the ground in will no longer yield its crops and he would be a restless wanderer on the earth.” (Genesis 4:11-12 NIV)

God told Noah to build an ARK because God was going to send a worldwide flood. Thank the Lord that Noah listened to God. Had Noah not listened, there would have been no SAVIOR. – No Jesus.

When the Lord set the children of Israel free from slavery in Egypt, God told the people to take a Lamb, and keep it in their house from the 10th day until the 14th day of the month – 4 days, treat it as a pet, and then slaughter it and paint the door frames of their homes with the blood of the Lamb. Those households who obeyed the command of the Lord did not experience the death of the 1st born in their household. And the Angel of Death would PASSOVER the house. Those who disobeyed the Lord, the Angel of death entered, and the 1st born from each family was killed by the Lord.

Abraham lived about 2,200 B.C. and the Lord God gave Abraham the Covenant of Circumcision. On the 8th day after the birth of a Son, every Israelite male was to be circumcised as God’s Covenant Promise that HE would send a Savior from the family line of Abraham.

On Mt. Sinai, God gave the Moral – Civil – And Ceremonial laws to His people through Moses on Mt. Sinai. One of those laws included Purification / Presentation 40 days after the birth of a Son. We see in this text that Mary and Joseph obeyed the Lord by circumcising their Son and then naming Him Jesus, on the 8th day, and then 33 days later, on the 40th day after Jesus was born they obeyed God by journeying up to Jerusalem to make the appropriate Offerings as commanded by God.

At His Circumcision, Jesus already shed blood. As True God Jesus humbled himself, even to the Ordinance of Circumcision. Jesus was actively and passively obedient to the law for the benefit of the salvation of the souls of Mankind. Jesus willingly placed Himself under the law to redeem those under the law. Jesus fulfilled the entire law perfectly in our place.

What a comfort knowing that for all those times that we have failed at keeping God’s law, that Jesus has kept the law perfectly for us, to win heaven for us. AMEN.