***Sending Jesus: How God Brought His Son to Earth***

“The Peace-Child”

Jesus Presented at the Temple

Luke 2:22-38

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**We see Jesus …**

1. **Fulfilling the Law of God**

**Luke 2:21 (ESV)**And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

**Luke 2:22 (ESV)**And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

**Luke 2:23 (ESV)**(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

**Luke 2:24 (ESV)**and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

**Galatians 4:4 (ESV)**But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law,

**Galatians 4:5 (ESV)**to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

1. **Keeping the Promises of God**

**Luke 2:25 (ESV)**Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

**Luke 2:26 (ESV)**And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.

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**2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV)**For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.

1. **Delivering Salvation from God**

**Luke 2:30 (ESV)**… for my eyes have seen Your salvation

**Luke 2:31 (ESV)**that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

**Luke 2:32 (ESV)**a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

**Isaiah 52:10 (ESV)**The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

1. **Revealing the Purpose of God**

**Luke 2:33 (ESV)**And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him.

**Luke 2:34 (ESV)**And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed

**Luke 2:35 (ESV)**(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

**1 Corinthians 1:23 (ESV)**But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

**1 Corinthians 1:24 (ESV)**but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1. **Inspiring Thanks to God**

**Luke 2:36 (ESV)**And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,

**Luke 2:37 (ESV)**and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

**Luke 2:38 (ESV)**And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.