

## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

*\*\*Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at [gbcmt.org/sermons](http://gbcmt.org/sermons) or on the GBC App*

1. What does the name, 'Jesus' mean? Why is His name important? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What events had Mary and Joseph gone thru dealing with angels and other messengers from God over the last 11 months? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The Mosaic Law had two requirements for childbirth. (Lev. 12:1-8 & Ex. 13:11-16). Mary, Joseph, and Jesus fulfilled these requirements. What is this all about? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What alternate offering did Joseph and Mary bring and why? (Luke 2:21-22) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What were the promises given to Mary and Joseph concerning this new baby? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Why would Luke 2:29-32 be hard for Jews to accept? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Simeon was in the temple at just the right time, and he recognized Jesus, why are his words so important? Why did thousands of other people not notice Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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## A DREAM COME TRUE

Luke 2:21-35

Series #9

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"A Dream Come True."** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Have you ever waited for decades for something?
2. In what gospel are the stories of the announcement of the birth of John the Baptizer, and the announcement that Mary, although a virgin, would conceive and bear a son, etc., recorded?
3. Only Luke tells us about the visit to the temple in the first few weeks of the life of baby Jesus and two amazing encounters with whom?
4. Luke also tells us about the visit of Jesus with His parents to the temple when He was how old?
5. If it weren't for Luke's gospel, we would know virtually nothing about what?
6. Both Mary and Joseph had been instructed to name their child what?
7. Jesus came to save whom?
8. After verse 21, Luke jumps forward to when baby Jesus is how old?
9. What besides offering their sacrifice, did the parents need to do, according to Old Testament law?
10. Under the Old Testament law, the actual sacrifice that was required was a yearling lamb and a what?
11. What does the sacrifice Joseph/Mary offered tell us about them?

12. What Joseph and Mary offered may also indicate that who had not arrived yet?
13. It is possible that what person was one of the few in Jerusalem who were waiting for the Consolation of Israel?
14. Luke describes Simeon as what kind of man?
15. Somehow the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not see death before he had what?
16. Simeon wanted to live long enough to do what?
17. What was the central feature of Simeon's life and the driving force of his life?
18. It has always been the desire of the righteous to do what?
19. Simeon knew that this little baby would eventually do what?
20. Simeon knew that the plan of God was to include what in the work of the Messiah?
21. The opening verse of Isaiah 9 clearly states that the Messiah would be what?
22. Simeon understood that the Messiah was Jewish and would be the what?
23. Ephesians 2:11-12 is referring to our condition as what?
24. The Jews centered on the external sign of circumcision, but they failed to understand that God was concerned about what?
25. What five benefits were Gentiles excluded from?
26. Were Simeon's statements surprising to Joseph and Mary?
27. Simeon informed Mary (verse 34) that her little baby would be a what in the nation of Israel?
28. A person's response to Jesus determines whether he does what?
29. To those who reject Jesus, He is the what?
30. Is Jesus the precious cornerstone to you?
31. What is the second thing that Simeon told Mary regarding her baby?
32. What happened to Mary's soul as she stood by and watched her son experience vitriolic rejection?
33. The rejection of Jesus as seen in the crucifixion revealed what?
34. Many in Israel did what in relation to their own Messiah?
35. The Child (Jesus) was destined for the fall and rising of many. Which side of that do you land on?
36. Are you going to fall headfirst into judgment because of your refusal to receive Christ?
37. Are you going to rise above the judgment of God because you are safely in Christ?