

NOTE: You May want to split up this outline into two different sermons

I. The Testimony of The Christ (Luke 2:21-38)

A. Christ's Birth Bore Witness to the Law (21-24)

1. He Was Christened According to the Law (21)
 - a. Christ was circumcised on the 8th day (Gen. 17)
 - b. Christ was named Jesus according to God's Word (Luke 1:31)
2. He Was Presented According to the Law (22-24)
 - a. Christ was dedicated to the Lord according to the Law (22-23)
 - 40 days Old
 - According to Leviticus 12
 - b. Christ was "redeemed" according to the Law (24)
 - His parents offered sacrifices
 - According to Exodus 12:1-8
 - They were too poor to offer a lamb
3. He Was Born Under the Law and Fulfilled It
 - a. Christ fulfilled every part of God's Law
 - b. Christ's birth, life, and death fulfilled the Law

B. The Spirit Bore Witness To the Christ (25-38)

1. The Spirit Revealed Christ To Simeon (25-35)
 - a. Simeon was righteous and devout (25)
 - b. The Holy Spirit was Upon him
2. Simeon Testified to the Christ (26-35)
 - a. Simeon Glorified God For Jesus (26-32)
 - i. He rejoiced at the Fulfillment of God's Word (26-28)
 - God told him he would see the Messiah (26)
 - He blessed (thanked) God when He saw Him (27-28)
 - b. Simeon Glorified God for Salvation (29-32)
 - i. He thanked God for revealing Salvation (29)
 - ii. He praised God for sending it to the whole world (31-32)
 - To Israel
 - To the Gentiles
 - c. Simeon Prophesied Concerning Jesus (33-35)
 - i. Jesus would bring Salvation and Condemnation (34)
 - ii. Jesus would be opposed
 - iii. Jesus' position would cause Mary great sorrow (35)
 - iv. Jesus would reveal men's hearts
 - Jews thought righteous works were enough
 - It didn't matter about their hearts
 - Only the heart reborn is right before God
 - The intent of the law, sermon on the mount, etc. is to reveal the horrible heart of man
3. Anna Testified to the Christ (36-38)
 - a. Anna was an elderly prophetess (36-37)
 - i. God used her to speak His Word
 - ii. Perhaps her testimony of Jesus

- b. Anna was devoted to God (37)
 - i. Remained in the Temple
 - ii. Praying and fasting, day and night
- c. Anna Witnessed the Christ (38)
 - i. "At that very Hour" – While Simeon was speaking
 - ii. She thanked God for salvation
- d. Anna Became a Witness For Christ (38)
 - i. She spoke of him to all who were waiting