

**CHILD  
DEDICATION  
IN CHURCHES  
TODAY**

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*Introduction:* It has become a norm in denominational churches that their women after birth stays at home for three months during which they print an invitation card inviting friends and well wishers to their child's dedication on a said date in their churches. Some times members of the Lord's Church will forfeit their allegiance to God on Sunday morning and accompany them to their denominational churches where it will be happening. Does it has any effect on our faith as members of the Church of Christ? Are some Churches of Christ part of this unscriptural practice?

purposes, consecrate, “to show to the public for the first time”

A. God’s law to the Jews regarding Child dedication Exo. 13:11-16,

B. General laws to the Jews regarding childbearing

1. Unclean after birth of a baby boy 7days the 8<sup>th</sup> will be circumcision Lev. 12:2-3

2. Woman impure and can't touch hallow things for 33days for a male child Lev. 12: 4-5.

3. for a female child, mother will be impure for 2weeks and continue in blood of purifying 66days

4. Lev. 12:6-8The woman purified from the issue of blood, she is now clean and can join others

NOTE: This is the law that guided the Israelites that made them stay at home after delivery for 33dys or 66dys depending on the sex, during their atonement the Lord made it a way that you must afford the requirements .

5. Numbers 18 :6-23,24-32. God gave these laws to benefit the Levites who were given special work.S

## C. The Birth Of Jesus Christ.

a. Gal. 4:4-5 Born under the law

b. Matt. 5:17-20 to fulfill purpose of the law Gal. 4:4; 3:19-25

c. Luke 2:21-24 as a Jew Jesus and the mother kept the law

D. The old testament laws including that of the child dedication are no longer effective.

1. Heb. 7:11-12;18-19 the law changed the Levitical priesthood position

2. Heb. 8:6-13 we are of the new testament law not of the old

D. Why A Sister May Stay At Home For A While After Birth.

1. Mother/Child's health Gen. 3:16; 1Tim. 2:15; Job 3:16

2. Heb. 10:25-31 The sins of absenteeism binding on her while at home healthy

E. A woman after birth should hasten to the service to  
thank her God for life<sup>1</sup> Timothy 2:15

**conclusion:**