Some Dangerous Suppositions
Luke 2:41-44

Introduction:
A. Joseph and Mary supposed too much! (v. 44)
   1. A happy ending. (vs. 48-50)
   2. Still, a bad practice.
B. Good people often suppose too much! Let’s notice a few dangerous suppositions:

Discussion:
I. Regarding Their Children. (Luke 2:44)
   A. Physical safety.
   B. Spiritual safety.
      1. With friends
      2. With relatives.
      3. With school or church personnel.
      4. With other “Christians”.

II. Regarding Their Consciences. (Acts 23:1; 26:9)
   A. Considering “voice of conscience” as “voice of God.”
   B. Conscience cannot be ignored. (cf. Rom. 14:22,23), but must be trained.

III. Regarding Their Spirituality.
   A. As to its meaning. (1 Cor. 14:37).
      1. Think “being spiritual” is:
         a. Ability to deeply meditate.
         b. Ability to stay calm, mild mannered, soft-spoken.
         c. Ability to “feel God’s presence” -- an emotional experience.
      2. But, real spirituality is obeying “law of the Spirit” (cf. Rom. 8:2; 1 Jn. 3:3-5; 5:2-3).
   B. As to its strength. (1 Cor. 10:12).
      1. Strong enough to bear with weak brethren. (1 Cor. 8,9).
         a. Refrain from idol’s feast. (8:10).
         b. Refrain from all meat -- if necessary. (8:13) -- illustrated in chapter 9.
      2. Strong must not over-estimate own strength. (1 Cor. 10:1-12).
         a. Do not take for granted ability to resist idol worship!
         b. Do not take for granted ability to resist fornication, lasciviousness, drunkenness, etc.

IV. Regarding Their Brethren.
   A. Many suppose that every brother who comes in among them is safe.
      2. Need to know that they are genuine and faithful.
   B. Many eagerly suppose a brother is what he claims to be based on surface analysis.
      1. Such a thing as “false brethren” who act “privily” (Gal. 2:4; 2 Cor. 11:26).
      2. Know them by their fruits rather than their claims. (Matt. 7:15-20).

V. Regarding Their Prosperity. (1 Tim. 6:5)
   A. Think prosperity (or popularity) is sign of God’s favor.

Conclusion:
1. Don’t suppose too much when it comes to the safety of your soul!
2. Don’t suppose that you can be saved without obedience! F.R.C.B.