



## The Fullness of Time

Galatians 4:4-7

### Overview

- **How Christ Came: Galatians 4.4**
  - Fullness of time: Prophets had spoke of a day that would come whereby God would bring peace with true Israel again
    - God had chosen this time to bring that completion in sending Christ
  - God Sent forth His Son
    - God: The offended one is doing the acting
    - Sent: He moved towards us, not we towards Him
    - Son: Divine Authority had come in God the Son Himself, no other
  - Born of a Woman: Doesn't lay aside divinity but takes on humanity
    - God's Rescue & redemption plan is not in pomp, but in humility
      - He identifies with Humanity by being born like them
  - Born under the Law: Born a Jew, Jesus submitted to and obeyed the Law perfectly
- **Why Christ Came: Galatians 4.4-7**
  - Came in order to Redeem (Buy or purchase) all those under the law
    - Not just Jews as we see the "we" which is referring to the Gentile Galatians
    - Those under Law = those attempting to make themselves righteousness
  - So that we might be adopted as sons (and daughters) of God
    - Not only do we receive redemption out of our enslavement to sin
    - Not only did this come at the cost of God the Son's humility & substitution (3.13)
    - But God welcomes us into His home where we have peace with Him
  - Christmas that prepared the way for the more important event of Easter
    - This is why we celebrate Christmas: Coming of our Lord to deliver us from slavery to self and bring us home to find peace with God

### Questions

*Discussion Starter: Discuss the various reasons you have heard we celebrate Christmas.*

1. What is the significance of Christ being born a woman and being born under the law?
2. Consider that "God" the offended, did the moving towards us, the offenders, by sending none other than His only begotten Son. What does this say about the kind of God that we serve?
3. Why do you think Grace is so important to highlight in the nature of God?
4. How does this affect you in celebrating Christmas?
5. Why did Christ come?
6. How does this truth move you towards obedience and love for God?
7. In what way is Christmas of less importance than Easter?