IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

Gal 4:1-6  Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Someone has said about time: “Every morning you are handed 24 golden hours. They are one of the few things in this world that you get free of charge. If you had all the money in the world, you couldn’t buy an extra hour. What will you do with this priceless treasure? Remember, you must use it, as it is given only once. Once wasted you cannot get it back”

Some have said about time: “Yesterday is like a cancelled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. ....... Today is like ready cash. Use it wisely, for today is the most precious possession you can have. “

Someone said, Baptist are always late, lateness is a part of their theology. It has been told that Baptist believe in JUSTIFICATION, REGENERATION AND PROCRASTINATION.

Christmas is a reminder to us that Jesus came to Earth at just the right time. Gal 4:4  But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

Three things we will look at this morning as we consider CHRISTMAS 2002.

I. CONCERNING THE FULFILLED PATTERN.
Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (In this passage we three elements involved in Salvation)

(A). THE WORD OF GOD.

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent........”

Phil 2:6-7 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men

(B). THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT.

Gal 4:4 ...... “God sent forth his Son”

Matt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

(C). THE WILL OF THE PERSON.

Gal 4:4 .... “made of a woman”

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

II. CLEVERNESS OF THE FATHER’S PURPOSE.

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

God had planned this event long before the Heavens and the Earth was formed, now was the TIME FOR CHRIST TO COME.
(A). **HE MADE ATONEMENT FOR US.**

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Gal 4::5 ... **TO REDEEM THEM** = which literally means to **BUY OUT OR BUY BACK AND WAS USED OF SLAVES WHOSE FREEDOM WAS PURCHASED**. Through payment of the required price, slaves were redeemed and became free men, and, more than that, they received adoption as sons. That completed their liberation.

*READ Eph 3:14-21*

Phil 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the **form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:

Rom 8:1-3 There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh**, and **for sin**, condemned sin in the flesh:

(B). **HE CAME TO ADOPT US.**

Gal 4:5 ...... “That we might receive the adoption of sons.”

Rom 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption**, to wit, the redemption of our body.

1. **He Was God’s Priceless Gift.**

Gal 4:4 ...... “God sent forth his Son”
The Bible tells us that He was “John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son”

2. He Was God's Permanent Life.

John 3:16 ...... “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

James tells us that this life is passing away it is LIKE UNTO A VAPOR that appears for a little time and then it is vanished away.” This LIFE IS FLEETING, Selfish Pursuits and Sinful Pleasures will be gone in a moment of time. Thank God that IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME ..... GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON, made of a WOMAN, ..... to redeem us who had no hope. Read Romans 8:31-39

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE FAITHFUL PLAN.

Gal 4:6-7 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Jesus came to fulfill His plan for us, His plan was to redeem us and to adopt us. Now look at these verses, we are not slaves but sons.

(A). WE ARE THE SONS OF THE SAVIOR.

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

John 1:11-12 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

1 John 3:1-2 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be
like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Rom 8:18-19 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Our Father does not leave out the women.

2 Cor 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

(B). WE ARE NO LONGER SLAVES OF SATAN.

Gal 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gal 3:28-29 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

God confirms believers as His adopted sons through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of His Son. They not only have the knowledge of sonship through the truth of God's Word in their minds but the very essence of sonship through His indwelling Spirit in their hearts. A human father cannot give his own nature to an adopted child, but God can and does by sending His Holy Spirit to dwell within the hearts of believers.