



BUT WHEN THE TIME HAD FULLY COME...

GALATIANS 4: 4-7

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

BIG IDEA

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THE PROBLEM WITH THE GALATIANS

These Galatians, who having launched their Christian experience by _____, seemed content to leave their voyage of _____ and chart a new course based on _____.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MOSAIC LAW (3:23-25)

"Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge..."

- **locked up = lock down**
 - o Our _____
 - o Our _____
- **put in charge = pedagogue**

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THE RESULT OF FAITH (3:26-29)

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus..."

- This reference to **sons** has little to do with the _____, it is the Greek word **uios**, which refers to one who has reached the age of maturity and is now endowed with the privileges of an _____.

THE ILLUSTRATION OF AN HEIR (4:1-3)

"What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave..."

- Paul uses this illustration of a child who though his father may have died and he has inherited everything by _____, he is in _____ under the guardianship of others, as if he were one of the slaves, until he is of the age set by his father.

THE COMING TO MATURITY (4:4-7)

"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons..."

- **time had fully come** = gathering of all _____
 - o Greek _____
 - o Roman _____
 - o Roman _____
- **sent his Son** = _____ before He was sent
- **born of a woman** = not normal reference to progeny
 - o No _____ nature
 - o Accomplish _____
 - o Two _____
- **born under law** = _____ to the law of God
- **redeem** = to purchase a slave with a view of his _____

CONCLUSION

God the Father prepared for the coming of His Son in human flesh by providing a young couple, some shepherds, wise men and angels for that blessed peaceful event...but...He also prepared a cross for His Son onto which He would give His life to redeem those who were under the judgment of God's law. This Christmas lets not separate Bethlehem from Calvary, or the manger from the cross. They are forever unified in God's eternal purpose!

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