

**ON TIME
AND
ON TARGET**

GALATIANS 4:4-5

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**4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

Introduction

A. Beware of becoming too familiar with the Christmas season

Lamentations 3:22-23

22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Introduction

B. Paul focuses at the true purpose of Christ's birth

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

I. God Is Always On Time

“when the fulness of the time was come”

A. God deals with our impatience

B. God is always on time

Psalm 102:13

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

C. Old Testament examples

- 1. Joseph – From prisoner to prime minister**
- 2. Moses – From deserted to deliverer**
- 3. The Red Sea – From trapped to triumphant**

D. God was right on time with the birth of Christ

I. God Is Always On Time

E. God will be right on time with the Second Coming of Christ

1. Some doubt

2 Peter 3:4

And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

I. God Is Always On Time

E. God will be right on time with the Second Coming of Christ - continued

2. God delivers

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Acts 1:11

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**God is always on time in His
working in our lives**

II. God Meets People Where They Are

“God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law”

A. That is where we all have our beginning

Philippians 2:5-7

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ

Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

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

II. God Meets People Where They Are

B. God knows what you need

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

C. God can meet your need

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

III. God Wants To Change People From What They Are To What That Can Be

“that we might receive the adoption of sons”

A. Adoption means “placing a son”

Ephesians 1:5

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

B. Adoption possible because of redemption on the cross

III. God Wants To Change People From What They Are To What That Can Be

C. God is developing you into what you ought to be

Romans 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.

**JESUS WILL
CHANGE YOUR LIFE
IF YOU LET HIM**