

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS

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Galatians 4:4–5

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[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

INTRODUCTION

A perfect **PLAN** is only accomplished by a perfect **PERSON**, with a perfect **PROMISE**.

1) A PERFECT PLAN (v. 4a)

'*kairos*,' which refers to an appointed time
'*kronos*,' a generic word for time

God's plan to send his Son was the fulfillment of time!

"Christmas is the hinge upon which all human history turns." –
Christopher Dawson

Colossians 1:16—[16] *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

2 Timothy 1:9—[God] *saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began...*

God directs history with purpose, and his purpose is to bring glory to his name in Christ.

Romans 8:28—[28] *And we know that for those who love God*

all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

2) A PERFECT PERSON (v. 4b)

Jesus is God.
But he is also a man.

Job 15:14, "What is man, that he can be pure? Or he who is born of a woman, that he can be righteous?"

1 Corinthians 15:21-22: [21] *For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Jesus was a Jew.

3) A PERFECT PROMISE (v. 5)

Isaiah 57:15—"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Redemption was a common word used in the marked referring to the price it would cost to buy someone out of slavery.

Who was under the law?

All of humanity owes obedience to God and his law.

Adoption is an act of grace.

Ephesians 2:12–13—[12] *remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. [13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*