

Galatians 4:4-7 (NASB)

4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

But when the fullness of the time came

Spiritual Conditions:

Did not the fullness of time come when man had fully manifested the evil of his heart, and entirely failed to answer to his responsibilities?

When it was proved that "*all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,*" and that all was over on man's side, then it was that God acted in pure sovereign grace.

When it pleases God to occupy Himself with the world, and to get involved with what is going on it is marvelous to see how He acts and the instruction He gives.

With "*the fullness of time*" all is changed.

But when the fullness of the time came

Unbelief never receives that the Lord of heaven and earth could be born in such circumstances and of such parents.

There is always total opposition between God's ways and those of men, there is never agreement.

But this did not hold back the outflow of Divine grace any more than it could deny, except to unbelief, the Divine glory of Him who was laid there in a manger.

In fact, to be born at all, to be really a man, to know beyond all other men the bitterness of the world, the scorn and hatred of men, and finally the cross — all this is utterly stumbling to unbelief.

But when the fullness of the time came

- But this is just the truth of God, and the only truth that really makes known God and delivers man.
- And those who receive it are the simple.
- Grace makes them simple, especially the ordinary. It can make the proudest simple, no doubt; but it addresses itself in particular as the rule (and Luke marks the fact) to those that are despised on the earth as Christ was.
- All intelligence of the things of God comes from His revelation, and not from the reasoning of men.
- Consequently, the simple go farther in spiritual understanding than the wise and prudent of the earth.

The TIMING of Jesus Christ's Coming was:

But when the fullness of the time had come,

Our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world at the exact time that God the Father willed.

World Conditions:

- 1. Universal Language, Koine Greek**
- 2. Peace in the Roman Empire**
- 3. Roman Roads**
- 4. Spiritual Vacuum**
- 5. The Hebrew Bible stood complete, with the Septuagint translation.**

**The entire course of the world is outside the current of God's thoughts.
All the world is in movement to bring about this event, Christ's Birth.**

The **SENDER** in Jesus Christ's Coming was **GOD THE FATHER.**

*But when the fullness of the time had come, **God sent forth***

It was God the Father that designed the plan of redemption and sent forth Jesus Christ to fulfill His plan.

Condescend = to behave as if one is conscious of descending from a superior position, rank, or dignity

We observe the presence of all three members of the Tri-une Godhead mentioned in verses 4-7.

The verb “**sent forth**” implies credentials and a specific mission.

The PERSON SENT in Jesus Christ's Coming is GOD'S SON.

*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth **His Son**,*

The phrase “**His Son**” expresses much more than role and function; it **underscores deity**.

Since Jesus Christ is deity, it was certain that God's plan would not fail.

It stands to reason that Jesus Christ could not have died for our sins and been raised from the dead if He had never entered the human race through a physical birth.

Incarnation = deity born in order for deity to die

**The MEANS of Jesus Christ's Coming is He was
BORN OF A WOMAN.**

*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son,
born of a woman,*

Mary was not a sinless woman, but she was a godly believer who knew the Word of God and walked by faith.

She would fulfill the “seed of the woman” promised by God in the Garden of Eden, along with the “*a virgin will conceive*” prophecy of Isaiah 7:14.

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man without sin who was sent on a mission (“sent forth”) by God the Father.

**The Stewardship of Jesus Christ's Coming was **He was
BORN UNDER THE LAW.****

*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son,
born of a woman, **born under the law.***

- **Jesus Christ was 100% Jewish and His veins were filled with Jewish blood in fulfillment of the Abrahamic (Gen. 12:1-3) and Davidic (2 Sam. 7:8-11) Covenants.**
- **And as a Jewish man under the Law, He kept the requirements of the Law completely.**

This is important to remember when you are reading the Gospel narratives regarding His earthly ministry.

**The PURPOSE of Jesus Christ's Coming was to
REDEEM SINNERS.**

⁵to redeem those who were under the law,

This is why the angels said to the shepherds that first Christmas morning: *“For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).*

Due to the incarnation and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, redemption has been provided for all (**1 Tim. 2:6; 2 Peter 2:1**) and has become the personal blessing of those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Ephesians 1:6-7 *to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*

The RESULTS of Jesus Christ's Coming for those who trust in Him alone as Savior are:

a. ADOPTION AS SONS.

Galatians 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

b. THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST COMING INTO YOUR HEART.

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts.

c. BEING ABLE TO CALL GOD, "ABBA, FATHER."

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

d. BECOMING AN "HEIR OF GOD."

Galatians 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.