

CHRISTMAS SERIES
“IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME...GOD SENT FORTH JESUS”
PART ONE
“IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME...GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH PRECISION”
GALATIANS 4:1-6

INTRO: Christmas is a **blessed time of the year**, but often we miss its real meaning. Theologically, Christmas has **nothing to do with trees, decorations, parties and the giving of presents to others.** Theologically, Christmas has to do with **HONORING GOD FOR WHAT HE DID IN THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST.** Therefore, for the next four weeks we are going to be involved with a study that centers on our CHRISTMAS THEME around the Church, which is **IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME...GOD SENT FORTH JESUS.** As we begin our study this morning we will note from Galatians 4 that **GOD SENT FORTH JESUS WITH PRECISION....That precision has enabled Jesus to be the perfect God-man and perfect Savior of the world.**

I. GOD HAD A PRECISE TIME – VS. 4a

“IN THE FULNESS OF THE TIME”

A. The Precise Time Predicted

1. In Daniel Chapter 9 God gave the time line of the **coming of the Messiah** in the prophecy of the SEVENTY WEEKS (490 YEARS).

2. The time line began in 445 BC when King Artaxerxes of Persia gave the command for the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem – Nehemiah 2:1-8

3. Doing the math accurately and being a Jewish person who took the scriptures literally, one would have been able to figure out the general time in which the Messiah that they had looked for would be born **because God did not work in secret regarding His Messiah.**

B. The Precise Time Presented

1. The phrase **“In the Fullness of the Time”** speaks of the **END of a PRECISE TIME when God was going to SEND Jesus into the World.**

2. From before the beginning of time on earth and through Daniel’s prophecy of SEVENTY WEEKS **God knew EXACTLY when Jesus would come to earth to be born. And when everything was right religiously, culturally and politically according to HIS PLAN, Jesus was born into the world.**

C. The Precise Time

-Around 4 BC

II. GOD HAD A PRECISE SON – VS. 4b

“GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON”

A. God’s Precise Son Jesus...The Eternal Son of God

NOTE: **The Doctrine of the ETERNAL SONSHIP OF JESUS affirms that the SECOND PERSON OF THE TRIUNE GOD eternally existed as the SON OF GOD...There was NEVER A TIME when Jesus was NOT the Son of God.**

1. Affirmed by Scripture – Hebrews 1:2; 1 John 4:10,14

2. Affirmed by the Nicene Creed in 325 AD

B. God’s Precise Son Jesus...The Essential Son of God

1. The Sacrifice for sin had to be provided by a **SINLESS PERSON** and Jesus was that **SINLESS PERSON.** 1 John 3:5

2. The Sacrifice for sin had to be provided by a **HOLY GOD** and Jesus was that **HOLY GOD.** John 10:27-30

III. GOD HAD A PRECISE WOMAN – VS. 4c

“MADE OF A WOMAN”

NOTE: The PRECISE WOMAN is a reference to the Virgin Birth and to the Virgin Mary.

- A. The Precise Virgin Woman Prophesied
-Isaiah 7:14 (742 BC)
- B. The Precise Virgin Woman Prepared
-Luke 1:26-38 (5 BC)
- C. The Precise Virgin Woman Performed
-Luke 2:1-7 (4 BC)

COMMENTS ON THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST:

- 1) The Virgin Birth was needed in order for Jesus to be born without the sin nature that is passed down through the male gender.
- 2) The Virgin Birth enabled Jesus to be **FULLY HUMAN, BUT FULLY GOD** as Mary conceived through the Holy Spirit.
- 3) The Virgin Birth allowed Jesus to be **FULLY HUMAN** so as to REPRESENT HUMANITY and take the Penalty of Sin upon Himself.
- 4) The Virgin Birth allowed Jesus to be **FULLY GOD** so that His sacrifice on the Cross would have the **INFINITE VALUE** to **ATONE** for mankind's sin.

THOUGHT: Jesus had to be **FULLY GOD** to have the **POWER OF THE SAVIOR**, and He had to be **FULLY MAN** to have the **POSITION AS THE SUBSTITUTE**. **THE VIRGIN BIRTH GUARANTEED BOTH!**

IV. GOD HAD A PRECISE PURPOSE – VSS. 5.6

“TO REDEEM THEM THAT WERE UNDER THE LAW”

- A. The Precise Purpose to Redeem the Lost Sinner
-Christ fully redeems from sin all that trust Him as Savior.
- B. The Precise Purpose to Receive the Believing Sons
-All who trust Christ as Savior are immediately upon their belief the **full-fledged children of God with all dignity, value and authority**.

APPLICATION/LESSON

God knew exactly **WHEN, WHO, THROUGH WHOM** and **WHY** TO SEND JESUS INTO THE WORLD.

- 1) He did it for **YOU** so that **YOU** might be **REDEEMED** by Him.
- 2) He did it for **HIM** so that He might be **GLORIFIED** through You.