



LEADER GUIDE

THE
ULTIMATE
CHRISTMAS

GIFT

GALATIANS 4:4-5

Dec 21



The Bible teaches that keeping promises is a serious matter of integrity, emphasizing that one must fulfill their commitments, and it is better not to make a promise than to break one (Numbers 30:2, Ecclesiastes 5:4–5). Jesus advises that one's "yes" should be "yes" and "no" should be "no" to avoid the need for oaths and extra-biblical swearing (Matthew 5:33–37). When it is mos

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WEEK

A STUDY

on Galatians 4:4-5

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Sermon Series Overview

Galatians 4:4-5

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

This Christmas, we'll reflect on Galatians 4:4–5 and the true meaning of Jesus' coming into the world. Scripture reminds us that Jesus, being fully God and fully man, was sent at the perfect time, at great cost, with a clear purpose—not only to redeem us from sin, but to adopt us into God's family. As we prepare to give and receive gifts this year, let us not forget that Christ Himself is the ultimate Christmas gift. Let every heart prepare Him room.

Rejoicing with you,

Elder TJ



Sermon Outline

Title: The Ultimate Christmas Gift

Text: Galatians 4:4-5

Prop: The birth of Jesus is God sending His Son to redeem us and make us His children, therefore receive God's gift by faith, and live as beloved children.

OUTLINE

1. The Plan of the Incarnation.
2. The Person of the Incarnation.
3. The Price of the Incarnation.
4. The Purpose of the Incarnation.

Sermon Notes



Discussion Questions

1. In what ways do you see God directing the affairs of the world so that Jesus came at just the right moment in history (“the fullness of time”)? Where in your own life have you struggled to trust God’s sovereign control, and how have you learned—or are you learning—to wait patiently?

God directed history for Jesus’ arrival through political stability (PaxRomana), shared language (Greek/Latin), common roads, and a yearning for the Messiah, creating a ripe “fullness of time.” At the same time, personal struggles with trusting God often involve waiting on answers, healing, or purpose, learned through prayer, Scripture, experiencing His presence in nature/sacraments, and remembering His faithfulness in past challenges.

God’s direction for Jesus’ coming (Fullness of time)

- Roman Peace (Pax Romana): The empire provided relative stability, open roads, and common law, making traveling and spreading the Gospel easier than in fragmented times.
- Common languages: Greek (Koine) and Latin became widespread, allowing for unified communication across diverse regions.
- Spiritual hunger: Existing Jewish diaspora and Gentile mystery cults created a spiritual void and longing for a true savior and divine intervention.
- Prophetic fulfillment: The Old Testament prophecies set the stage, creating expectation for the Messiah, a role Jesus fulfilled perfectly.

Personal struggles with trust and waiting

- Struggles: Waiting for answered prayers (healing, job, relationships), understanding difficult circumstances, feeling God is silent or distant, and facing personal failures
- Learning to wait
- Prayer and Scripture: Daily communication and immersion in God’s Word (like the Emmaus Road story, Luke 24:13-35) reveal His character.
- Experiencing His presence: Through sacraments (Communion/Baptism), acts of kindness, or quiet moments in nature, one can feel God’s nearness.
- Remembering past faithfulness: recalling how God met needs before renews trust for the present.
- Focus on God’s plan: Trusting God’s perfect timing and purpose, even when unclear, builds patience and renews strength for the journey.



Discussion Questions

2. Summarize the hypostatic union of Christ (fully God and fully man) and discuss how a better understanding of each nature has increased your worship of Him.

The Hypostatic Union is the foundational doctrine that Jesus Christ is one divine Person, eternally existing, yet perfectly united with two distinct, complete natures-fully God and fully man-without confusion, change, division, or separation, allowing Him to be the perfect God-Man, mediator, Savior, whose comprehensible humanity(temptation, suffering, death)combined with his divine power (miracles, resurrection) makes worship of Him profound as He truly gets us while simultaneous saving us as God. Understanding His true humanity deepens worship by seeing His relatable struggles(hunger, tears, temptation) and sacrifice, while understanding His deity reveals the infinite power behind His love, making His grace unfathomable and His victory absolute, culminating in awe at the God-Man who bridged the infinite gap for us.

3. What does it mean that Christ redeemed us, how did He redeem us, and how has this redemption impacted your present life?

Christ's redemption means He paid the ultimate price (His life/blood)to die for humanity's sin and thus free us from sin's slavery, offering forgiveness, freedom, new identity (as children of God), and eternal life. This impacts believers by giving hope, purpose, transforming daily life through grace, and freeing them from guilt, shame, and the past's power. He accomplished this through His sacrificial death on the cross, paying our debt to God, and His resurrection empowering us to live new, authentic lives empowered by the Holy Spirit.



Discussion Questions

4. According to Galatians 4:5, what was God's ultimate goal in sending His Son, in what ways are you enjoying the benefits of that work, and how does it shape your relationship with and commitment to the local church?

According to Galatians 4:4-5, God's goal was to redeem those under the law, so believers receive legal adoption as His children, gaining a new identity, freedom, inheritance, and an intimate relationship with God as their Father. This establishes a commitment to the Church as a family where we share in this divine sonship and serve one another in love and gratitude.



Prayer & Praise

End your time together by reflecting on the goodness of God and praying for one another.

Prayer Requests

Praise Reports