

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS



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INTRODUCTION: If you were going to summarize the meaning of Christmas in a sentence, would you be able to? In one sentence the apostle Paul shares the most complete explanation for the meaning of Christmas in all of literature.

Galatians 4:4-5 “⁴But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

I. **Who?**

II. **What?**

III. **When?**

Christ's Coming Was “At the Right Time”

- A. **Politically**
- B. **Culturally**
- C. **Spiritually**
- D. **Prophetically**

Micah 5:2 “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”

IV. How?

The Significance of “Born of a Woman”

A. Jesus’ **Virgin Birth** (2 Samuel 7:12; Matthew 1:16, 23)

2 Samuel 7:12b “I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.”

Matthew 1:16 “Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.”

B. The **Humanity** of Jesus (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Hebrews 4:15-16 “¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.”

V. Where?

Galatians 4:5 “in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

VI. Why?

A. To **Redeem** Us

Galatians 4:5a “in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, “

B. To **Adopt** Us

Galatians 4:5b “that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Three Benefits of Being an “Adult” Child of God

1. **Position**
2. **Privileges**
3. **Power**

Conclusion