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Galatians 4:4-5



Read Galatians 4:4. This is the timing God ordained. It is exactly when the Father had appointed, not sooner nor later. God had sovereign timing both politically, culturally and spiritually. God had “set the stage” for the coming of Jesus & the spread of the Christian faith. In your own life, how have you experienced God’s sovereign timing? Have you ever tried to do something in your timing, not God’s? What happened?

Jesus’ unique identity was revealed when scripture says 1) “*God sent His Son*”. It shows us that Jesus was 100% God (divine). He existed eternally with God the Father & God the Holy Spirit, as a co-equal person of the Trinity. Read Hebrews 1:3.

It is also revealed when scripture says “*born of woman*” this is His taking on full human nature, entering into the full human experience. He was subject to suffering, thirst, hunger, being poor, pain, rejection, even death. Jesus was 100% man (human). Read Philippians 2:6-7.

Jesus’ unique identity is also revealed when scripture says “to redeem those who were under the Law”. Jesus was born under these conditions, these obligations of the Law, to obey and be judged by God’s Law. Jesus satisfied the requirements of the Law by living in perfect obedience to it. Jesus was 100% holy.

Do you ever struggle to understand the fullness of the unique identity of Jesus?

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Fully God, fully human and together with His righteousness, Jesus came to redeem humanity. He came to “buy” or “purchase” our freedom. Jesus also came to adopt us. It wasn’t just freedom from slavery, it was also grace to give us status as sons. Do you ever struggle to believe & receive your status as son?

Gerry gave action steps on Sunday. Firstly, we are to called to receive what God has given to us and believe the redemption and adoption in Christ. Secondly, we are to respond by giving back to God in devoted worship, committed service and generous giving. Do you fully give yourself in worship or do you sometimes hold back your response to God? Are there ways you could respond more generously?