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*But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Galatians 4-5*

Dear Friend,

Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving. He was God's Gift to us more than 2,000 years ago—the greatest Gift mankind ever received. Jesus continues to give to us today, because through Him, we are adopted into God's family, able to receive all the blessings and benefits rightly due an heir of God. Let us look at three truths that Christ's birth reveals about God's nature—truths that will comfort and encourage you in your Christian walk.

**Number One: God is always on time.**

People tend to become impatient if they don't get what they want immediately. We are a "now" generation and don't like to wait for anything. When waiting to receive an answer to prayer, we may be tempted to become impatient and think God is running late. However, He is always on time!

Even when it seems God is missing from the scene, He is actively working on our behalf. The Bible offers many examples of God's timely help for His people. Joseph is one example. In dreams he saw himself as a ruler with everyone bowing down to him. Shortly after having these dreams, he was sold into slavery and later put in prison. It seemed as though God had let Joseph down, but God was right on time. At the perfect time, Joseph fulfilled his divine destiny and became the prime minister of Egypt.

The prophets foretold the coming of Christ hundreds of years before He was born. How long it must have seemed to those waiting for His coming! Galatians 4:4 says, "***When the time had fully come, God sent His Son...***" At just the right time, Jesus came to this earth. The fact God was right on time with the first coming of Jesus ensures us He will be right on time with the Second Coming. Also, the fact God was right on time in sending Jesus ensures us He will be right on time when we need Him in our daily lives.

**Number Two: God meets people where they are.**

Galatians 4:4 tells us Jesus was born of a woman. Some people think it strange that Almighty God choose to have His Son experience the same helpless entrance into the world that each of us experienced. Jesus humbled Himself and became a man. The Son of God

became flesh and dwelled among us (John 1:14). In His awesome greatness, Almighty God reached out to mankind when we could not reach out to Him. God will meet you where you are today. If you are struggling, God offers a helping hand. If you are hurting, He offers a healing touch. If you are in lack, He gives abundant provision. If you are bound, He offers deliverance. If you feel alone, He provides comfort during dark days. If you are lost without a Savior, God the Giver offers salvation.

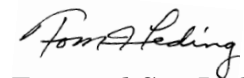
### **Number Three: God will change your life.**

When God sent Jesus, the world was forever changed. Mankind was no longer without hope, without a Savior. When you accept Jesus into your life, you are forever changed. Galatians 4:5 says Jesus came to redeem us so we could "...receive the full rights of sons..." (NIV). Galatians 4:7 says, "because of Christ, you are no longer a slave but a son." You are no longer a slave to sin, sickness, lack and degradation. You have been made a son and a son has rights a slave doesn't have!

When you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you are adopted into the family of God. When you become a child of God, you become a new creation and are never the same again! God adopts you into His family as an heir. Because you are an heir, you are in a position to receive all the benefits that belong to you as God's child. With God in your life, everything changes because of what He gave you as an inheritance. As His heir, you have been given salvation, healing, the Holy Spirit, provision and protection.

These are only a few of the gifts that now belong to you. As you give gifts this Christmas, remember the greatest Gift ever given. Remember what that Gift demonstrates about God's nature. God is always on time. He will meet you where you are and He will change your life!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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