

The Son Who Was Sent Forth

Text: Galatians 4:4,5

Introduction

Jesus is the focal point of history; all the events of the centuries preceding His coming slowly, but surely, prepared the world for His birth.

Message

1. The timeliness of His appearance (“the fullness of time”).

- a. His coming was first announced in Genesis 3:15.
- b. His coming was the theme of the prophets.
- c. The hope of His coming was kept alive by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the faithful (Luke 2:25–38).

2. His heavenly origin (“God sent forth his Son”).

- a. God’s love for the world is shown in the gift of His only begotten Son.
- b. How amazing was the Son’s humility in stepping down to earth.
- c. As One “sent forth,” Jesus lived His earthly life consumed by the passion to fulfill His divine mission.

3. His incarnation (“made of a woman”).

- a. He was the only Man to enter the world without being conceived in iniquity (Psalm 51:5).
- b. The only explanation we need of the Virgin Birth is the angel’s explanation to Mary: “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee” (Luke 1:35).
- c. Only one born supernaturally could be called “Immanuel ... God with us” (Matthew 1:23).

4. His identification with man (“made under the law”).

- a. One of His favorite titles for himself was “the Son of Man.” He fully identified with man except in man’s sin.
- b. He kept perfectly the Law under which He was born, and this righteousness of His is imputed to those who accept Him as Lord and Savior.
- c. His identification with man makes Him our Mediator and High Priest.

5. The result of His mission (“to redeem”).

- a. Redemption involves a high price, and only Christ could pay it.
- b. His cry from the cross, “It is finished,” assures that nothing needs to be added to His redemptive work.
- c. “The adoption of sons” — we are God’s family through the finished work of His only begotten Son.

Conclusion

Another “fullness of time” is ahead. God will send forth His Son again to erase forever the terrible effects of sin.