

The Christmas Story According to St. Paul: Galatians 4:4-7

1. The Christmas story reminds us that God has a perfect timeframe to fulfill His purposes for us.

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son,

2. The Christmas story teaches us that God came to rescue us from spiritual slavery.

...born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law,...

...that we might receive adoption to sonship.^[a]

3. The message of Christmas is this: God sent his Son so that you could become not simply forgiven, but his child.

⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba,*^[a] Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.