

Christmas
Eve Service



¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption

GALATIANS 4:1-7



...adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

GALATIANS 4:1-7 (cont...)



GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON

Galatians 4:4-6





⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

GALATIANS 1:6-8





¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

GALATIANS 2:15-16





**THE TIMING OF
GOD SENDING
HIS SON**



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GALATIANS 4:4a



15 “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

GENESIS 3:15



1b “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.”

GENESIS 4:1b



9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 PETER 3:9



Q&A - 10

Question: What are the decrees of God?

Answer: The decrees of God are his eternal purpose according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

(Eph. 1:4, 11; Rom. 9:22-23; Is. 46:10; Lam. 3:37)



Q&A - 11

Question: How does God execute his decrees?

Answer: God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.



Q&A - 14

Question: What are God's works of providence?

Answer: God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

(Ps. 145:17, Is. 28:29; Ps. 104:24; Heb. 1:3; Ps. 103:19; Mt. 10:29, 30, 31)



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GALATIANS 4:4



¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14



¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

JOHN 1:1-2





22 For as in Adam all die,

1 CORINTHIANS 15:22a





“Not being represented by Adam, and not inheriting his defilement, Christ was not under the curse of the law; but, being born of a Jewish parent, he was under the authority of the law.”

CHARLES SIMEON





**THE PURPOSE OF
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GALATIANS 4:4-6



¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

GALATIANS 3:10





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¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

JOHN 1:12-13



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