

FAMILY CHRISTMAS

“INVITED INTO FAMILY CHRISTMAS”

CHRISTMAS SERIES: “FAMILY CHRISTMAS”

Week 1: Awkward Family Christmas (“Naughty List”)

Week 2: Interrupted Family Christmas

(Angel spoke to Mary & Joseph)

TODAY: Invited into Family Christmas

(We are all invited.....Adopted into the family)

6 Christmas Eve Services: “Home For Christmas”

-Christmas Eve Eve	(Tuesday)	3, 5 & 7
-Christmas Eve	(Wednesday)	1, 3 & 5

TODAY: Invited into Family Christmas

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

3 Quick things from our text:

- 1) Jesus was born of a woman, born under the law
- 2) To redeem those under the law
- 3) That we might receive adoption to sonship

1) Jesus was born of a woman, born under the law.

-Naughty list! The line of Jesus was full of sin & brokenness

-Last week: Mary and Joseph were brought into the story

SO: What does it mean.....BORN UNDER THE LAW!

WHAT WAS “THE LAW” PAUL TALKS ABOUT SO OFTEN?!

“MOSAIC LAW” THE LAW OF MOSES (TORAH: First 5 Books)

The Mosaic Law covered:

Moral law (e.g., the Ten Commandments — Exodus 20)

Ceremonial law (sacrifices, purity laws, festivals — Leviticus)

Civil law (laws governing Israel as a nation — Deuteronomy)

When Paul says: “Born under the law, to redeem those under the law”

-He means that Jesus was born **as a Jew**, fully subject to the Mosaic Law,
-in order to **redeem** those who were obligated to keep it.

JESUS WAS NOT EXEMPT FROM THE RULES!

-Lots of rules! 613 to be exact!

These Jewish laws are drawn from **Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy**, with the majority found in **Exodus–Deuteronomy**.

Jewish tradition extracted **613 commandments** in the Torah called THE LAW

-248 positive commands (“You shall...”)

-365 negative commands (“You shall not...”)

Together, these make up the full Mosaic Law.

What the 613 Laws Covered

They included laws about:

Worship & sacrifice (priests, temple, offerings)

Moral behavior (truthfulness, justice, sexual ethics)

Dietary rules (clean/unclean foods)

Ceremonial practices (festivals, purity laws)

Civil laws (courts, property, restitution)

Identity markers (circumcision, Sabbath)

SO JESUS FOLLOWED THE LAW COMPLETELY! (Important fact)

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REDEEMED: (From Webster’s Dictionary)

- 1 to buy back : [REPURCHASE](#)
- 2 to free from what [distresses](#) or harms: as
 - a : to free from captivity by payment of [ransom](#)
 - b : to [extricate](#) from or help to overcome something [detrimental](#)

- c : to release from blame or debt : [CLEAR](#)
d : to free from the [consequences](#) of sin
3 to change for the better : [REFORM](#)
4 to repair: [RESTORE](#)
5 to free from a [lien](#) by payment of an amount secured [thereby](#)
6 to atone for : [EXPIATE](#) <redeem an error>
a : to offset the bad effect of
b : to make worthwhile : [RETRIEVE](#)
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Galatians 3:23-26 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

GUARDIAN – a defender, protector, or keeper.-

a person who looks after and is legally responsible for someone who is unable to manage their own affairs

The law:

- Revealed God's holiness
- Exposed human sin
- Ultimately Showed our need for a Savior

It was never meant to save—only to **point to Christ**.

Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

-Jesus was the complete fulfillment of the law of Moses!

Ephesians 1:7-8 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.

-The blood of Jesus paid the price for our redemption! (Not works)

Galatians 3:10-13 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” ¹¹ Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” ¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

-Jesus nailed it to the cross!! He took the curse of the law!

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

-The blood of Jesus was the sacrifice for our sins!

Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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-THIS IS WHERE IT GETS MESSY!!!

NT THEME: Paul’s message was one of extreme grace!! FAITH

Paul took on the entire Jewish NT leaders! (Peter, James & Andrew)

PAUL WAS CONTROVERSIAL! Jewish Zealot (radical) Pharisee & Roman

-Not converted till 5 years AFTER Jesus' resurrection.

-NT church based out of Jerusalem (Peter, James & Andrew)

-East Side - West Side! US & THEM!

(Jews vs. Gentiles) (Circumcised vs. the un-circumcised)

CONTROVERSY: Circumcision....the Law....and now INHERITANCE

NOW: Paul was saying the Gentiles were EQUAL to the Jews!

Galatians 3:7-9 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. 8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” 9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

(THE PROMISE WAS FOR EVERYONE) ALL WHO “RELY ON FAITH”

Galatians 3:14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

LETS UNPACK THIS

Galatians 3:16-18_The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.¹⁷ What I mean is this: The

law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

The promises spoken to Abraham were fulfilled in Jesus! (HIS SEED)

JESUS BECAME THE PROMISE!!!

Galatians 3:19-22 Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. ²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one. ²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

TO EVERYONE! INCLUSIVE.....NOT EXCLUSIVE!

Galatians 3:28-29 here is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

THE MESSAGE..... If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise!!

(Tough pill to swallow for the Jewish Christians.....Their inheritance)

THEN IT GOES INTO CHAPTER 4

Galatians 4:1-7 What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual

forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8:15-17 “So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “*Abba*, Father.” For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. “

Romans 9:8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.

The incarnation was intentional.

- Jesus was **sent**.
- Jesus was **born**.
- Jesus was **redeeming**.
 - And the purpose is clear: **adoption**.

Redemption removes guilt.

Adoption grants belonging.

God did not merely want forgiven servants—He wanted beloved sons and daughters!!