

Christmas 2019

Christmas and the Impact of Your Story

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1. Apostle Paul gives us his _____ of the Christmas story.
2. Paul's account was written around 51 to 53 AD, about twenty years after Jesus was crucified and about fifty-five years after the birth of Jesus.

Galatians 4:4 - But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law...

3. When Jesus was born as a baby he was born accountable to the law of God, the Mosaic Law, the Ten Commandments, and all the regulations that went along with it.

Galatians 4:4-5 - ...born under law, ⁵ to redeem **those** under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

4. When you break those laws, you will create a debt-debtor _____ with the person who established those laws.

Galatians 4:5 - to **redeem** those under law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

5. _____: Means buy back, pay for, trade.
6. The Scripture teaches that when we've broken the law of God, there is _____ for us to pay God back.

7. The “ _____ ” terminology is a kind of judicial, legal transaction.
8. It leaves God as judge; it leaves me as forgiven. It leaves me as maybe feeling like I've gotten away with something. It's a bit transactional and distant.

Galatians 4:5 - to redeem those under law, that we might receive **adoption to sonship**.

9. Adoption to sonship: It's not enough for God to say that you're "forgiven," that your debt is paid. God said, "I want _____ than that. I want a relationship with you."
10. It meant that God looked at us with all of our faults and all of our failure and with all of our sin, knowing that in the Roman world, _____ one would adopt us.
11. God decided to adopt you knowing everything you had done and everything you would do. He knows all of the promises you broke to yourself, the promises you broke to others, and the promises you broke to your heavenly Father. Yet, he still _____ you.

Galatians 4:6 - Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "**Abba, Father.**"

12. Abba is an Aramaic word which literally means “ _____ .”

Mark 14:36 - "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

13. Why is that important? Because if you are a Christ follower, this is the level of _____ that you have been invited into with your heavenly Father—Abba, Daddy.

Galatians 4:7 - So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

14. You are no longer relating to God through the law. You've been redeemed from the law.

15. Christmas is about moving past that. You are _____ children, and have been invited to follow the example of your Savior and address your heavenly Father as Dad, Daddy, Abba, Father.

16. Do you want to know what you're worth to God? You're worth _____.

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.

17. You are no longer slaves, but God's _____. Since you are his children, he has made you heirs—heirs of his kingdom, heirs of eternal life.

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