

## Series - Advent - The Perfection of Christmas

### The Perfect Time - Galatians 4:4-7

#### Perfection - only true in God's realm

Christmas was/is perfect because it was/is God's plan  
The perfect time, plan, redemption and relationship

#### Biblical Background

Church of Galatia (region of Turkey) Paul writing  
Accepted Christ - then came legalist (Judiazers)

**Galatians 3:19** - Law - only until the coming of Christ

**Galatians 3:24** - law guardian until Christ came

**Galatians 4:1-3** Roman law - age 1-14 Tutor over child  
Age 15-25 Guardian over child

#### I. Time fully came

Full or fulfill - Like a basket full = **Mark 8:20**

- Completion - Love fulfills the law **Romans 13:10**

- Saturation or Essence - Christ is fullness of God

**Colossians 1:19 and 2:9**

##### A. Politically - Roman Peace

1. No wars \
2. One trade language - Greek good.
3. Roads and travel open for all /
4. Height of political corruption
5. Slaves outnumbered freemen - 2/3 of population in slavery
6. Rome far away but ruled over Israel

##### B. Intellectually - Disillusioned but hopeful

1. Philosophers - high ideas but out of reach
2. Old Testament concepts spread by Jews (hope for Messiah)
3. Open exchange of ideas due to one language
4. Jewish ideas considered pure

##### C. Morally - bankrupt and corrupt

1. As civilization grew morality fell
2. No value on human life
3. Men were possessions and numbers
4. Thousands sacrificed for entertainment - Colosseum
5. Babies were destroyed for convenience

##### D. Religiously - Distrust and Questioned

1. Pagan religions were weak and had nothing to offer

2. Sensual pleasure was worshipped  
Temple prostitutes - men and women
3. Jewish religion of one God - known widely  
Hope of Messiah - taught faithfully  
Law that none could keep

#### II. More importantly it was God's perfect time

##### A. His Plan was fulfilled

1. Man chosen to produce a nation - Abraham
2. Nation protected and multiplied
3. Nation was tested and purified - waiting

##### B. The Prophecies were fulfilled

1. Given first to Adam and Eve - **Genesis 3:15**
2. Told of the coming of the Messiah like Moses
3. Revealed the place and time of His birth  
Daniel's prophecies point to the year **Daniel 9:24-27**
4. Prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the 12 Minor  
Prophets gave over 300 prophecies fulfilled in Christ

#### III. The Purpose of God for us.

##### A. God is outside of time

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God

I Peter 3:8-9 He is patient and merciful with us

##### B. God stepped into time at the creation (day and night)

but more at the birth of Christ

##### C. Christ was keenly aware of the right time.

My hour has not come - 4 times in John

My time has come - **John 12:23, 27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1**

##### D. Christ died for us at the right time - **Romans 5:6**

#### Lessons to learn

1. Time is in the hand of God
2. There is a right moment for things to happen
3. Time is not ours to plan - but to acknowledge
4. We are not the primary agents of what happens

#### What does this mean for us?

We have no past and no future -- only today **2 Corinthians 6:2**

Today is the right day for us. **Acts 3:18-20**

**In the fullness of Time God meets us - Today!!**