

IN HIS TIME

Galatians 4.4-7

We often in our lives have a desired way in which we want things to happen – our timetable. God also has a timetable. Sometimes they are not the same. Many times, we want God to act, and act right now; when, in God's wisdom, he chooses to delay. But there is a real truth that God is never late. He who created this universe from nothing, who sees the end from the beginning, who is, in himself, all wisdom and knowledge, works all things out perfectly at the right time. It may not be "in our time," but it is always "in his time."

¹ *There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:*

¹¹ *He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.* Ecclesiastes 3.1-11

Christmas reminds us of the fact that Jesus came to this Earth at just the right time. In our text today, we are told that **when the time had fully come, God sent his Son.**

Our text today will help us to see just how perfectly God works out his plan in history. It will also reveal, by implication, just how perfectly he works his plan in our lives. His timing is perfect, and his plan for your life is wonderful indeed.

THERE WAS PREPARATION INVOLVED IN GOD'S TIMING

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Isaiah 7.14; Matthew 1.22-23; Micah 5.2; Luke 2.4

- **There was a religious preparation for his coming.**
- **But there was also a cultural preparation for his coming.**
- **Finally, there was a political preparation for His coming.**

THERE WAS PURPOSE INVOLVED IN GOD'S TIMING

⁴ *But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.* Galatians 4.4-5

- **He came, first of all, to redeem us.**
- **But he also came to adopt us.**

THERE WERE PRIVILEGES THAT RESULTED IN GOD'S TIMING

⁴ *But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are 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 a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.* Galatians 4.4-7

- **Here in our text it says that we are no longer slaves, but sons.**
- **But not only are we sons, we are heirs of God.**

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Romans 5.17