


The Fullness of Time

Galatians 4:4 - 7

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God Appoints the Time for Messianic Salvation

Galatians 4:4 (NASB)

But **when the fullness of the time came**, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

- The **%ullness of time+**is a reference to God's sovereignty over history
- God's eternal purpose is realized through Messiah in history.

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**God Sends His Son, Implies Pre-existence
Born of a woman Implies Humanity**

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- Jesus is the **%ent one+**which is **%apostle+**(Heb. 3:1)
- **%Born of a woman+**is a Hebraic expression for **%uman+**(Matt. 11:11)
- Jesus perfectly kept the Law, all others have broken it (Heb. 4:15)

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Redeemed and Adopted

Galatians 4:5 (NASB)

so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

- > Galatians has many under-phrases to describe our previous condition of bondage
- > Jesus redeemed us from being under the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13)
- > Adoption into the family of God means having the full benefits of sonship, even for gentiles

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The Son was Sent, the Spirit was Sent and we are the Beneficiaries.

Galatians 4:6 (NASB)

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!

- > The sending and receiving of the Spirit is a key truth in Galatians. Christians have received the Spirit (Galatians 3:2)
- > The loving relationship we have with our heavenly father is unique to Christianity

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A Summary Statement of our Blessings in Christ

Galatians 4:7 (NASB)

Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

- > The if statement is a 1st class conditional (if-- as is the case)
- > This means that we are no longer minors (Galatians 4:1-3) but are fully vested sons who are heirs

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Implications and Applications

- > God rules over history and does so for our benefit
- > Being adopted into the family of God is a blessed privilege that we must cherish
- > Having received the Spirit implies all of the other benefits of redemption

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Habakkuk 2:3, 4 (NASB)

For **the vision** is yet for **the appointed time**; It hastens toward the goal and **it will not fail**. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; **But the righteous will live by his faith**.

- > See Mark 1:15
- > See Acts 1:7

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God's Rule over History

Romans 8:28 (NASB)

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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Adoption into God's Family

Romans 8:15-17 (NASB)

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but **you have received a spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out, **Abba! Father!** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

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Receiving the Spirit Implies other Benefits

Works	Faith
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Justification (Gal. 2:16) 2. Cursed (3:10, 13) 3. Imprisoned (3:22, 23) 4. Under Guard (3:23) 5. Under Custody (3:24, 25) 6. Slave Status (4:1) 7. Under Guardians (4:2) 8. Under Stewards (4:2) 9. Slaves to the <i>Stoichea</i> (4:3, 9) 10. Enslaved to Idols (4:8) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justified (Gal. 2:16) 2. Blessed (3:9) 3. Redeemed (3:13) 4. Received the Spirit (3:14) 5. Brothers in Christ (3:15) 6. Believe the Promise (3:22) 7. Released from Prison (3:23) 8. New Status in Christ (3:27) 9. No Longer under <i>Stoichea</i> (4:3-7) 10. Sons & Heirs of Christ (4:7)

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Christians are Adopted by God out of His kind intention, from all eternity

Ephesians 1:5 (NASB)
He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

2Corinthians 1:22 (NASB)
who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

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