

The Lord's Birth

(Galatians 4:4-5)

Introduction:

1. "The Lord's birth" is receiving a great amount of attention today.
2. Unfortunately, much of what is believed and taught is not based on Scripture.
3. Thankfully, God has revealed what He wants us to know in His Word.
4. In our lesson we are concentrating on 3 matters covered in these verses, including how the Lord was born, when He was born, and why He was born.
5. Let us begin with . . .

Discussion:

I. HOW THE LORD WAS BORN

- A. In vs.4, two points of information are given.
 - B. The first point is that "*God sent forth His Son.*"
 1. The Son has always existed as a member of the Godhead (John 1:1-3).
 2. However, He came in the flesh (John 1:14).
 3. On 2 occasions the Father identified Jesus as His Son, including:
 - a. the Lord's baptism (Matthew 3:17)
 - b. the Lord's transfiguration (Matthew 17:5).
 4. As we study to learn how the Lord's birth took place, we understand that God sent His Son from heaven to fulfill His ministry on earth.
 - C. The second point is that God's Son was "*made of a woman.*"
 1. The first mention of "the seed of woman" is in Genesis 3:15.
 2. As the years passed God stated how He would bless the world through the seed of certain men, including:
 - a. Abraham (Genesis 12:3)
 - b. Isaac (Genesis 26:4)
 - c. Jacob (Genesis 28:14)
 - d. Judah (Genesis 49:10)
 - e. David (Psalm 132:11).
 3. Around 700 BC, Isaiah prophesied about a virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14).
 4. This prophecy was fulfilled when Mary gave birth to Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25).
 5. To illustrate how God made such a wise choice in selecting Mary to be His Son's mother,:
 - a. she was at Jesus' side when He was crucified (John 19:25)
 - b. she is mentioned for the last time in Acts 1:13-14.
 - D. Let us turn our attention to . . .

II. WHEN THE LORD WAS BORN

- A. We learn from Galatians 4:4 that God sent His Son "*when the fullness of the time was come.*"
- B. When the time was right according to God's schedule, Jesus was born.
- C. To illustrate how God's providence was at work when Jesus was born,:
 - 1. Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
 - 2. Caesar commanded a taxing (Luke 2:1-3)
 - 3. Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary (Luke 2:4-5)
 - 4. Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:6-7).
- D. Finally, let us consider . . .

III. WHY THE LORD WAS BORN

- A. In vs.5, two points of information are given.
- B. The first point is that God sent His Son so we may be redeemed.
 - 1. We need redemption because sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
 - 2. The price for our redemption is revealed in 1 Peter 1:18-19.
 - 3. Peter continued in vs.22-23 by showing at what point we are redeemed.
- C. The second point is that God sent His Son so that "*we might receive the adoption of sons.*"

Conclusion:

- 1. Summarizing: When the time was right, God sent His Son who was born of a woman, to make it possible for us to be redeemed and be adopted as His children.
- 2. Have you met the requirements that the Lord has given for redemption?