

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD'S DAY

December 27, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

#### MEDITATION

Galatians 4:4-7

Organ solo

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Carol 284

Pastoral Prayer

Solo "What Christmas Means to Me"

Carol Favorites

Message

Carol 256 "Love Has Come"

Carol Dammann

Psalm 30

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Ron Mock

John Hoegg

Benediction

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

#### ADOPTED THANKS TO CHRISTMAS

##### *A study of Galatians 4:4-7*

All charities look forward to Christmas just as businesses look forward to "Black Friday." Adoption agencies are among those charities, and the children waiting for a family would have the strongest hope that Christmas will give them a home. Galatians 4:4-7 tie Christmas and adoption together better than any other passage. This would be good to cut out and leave in your Bible to share with someone.

##### **I. When would Christ be born? *In the fullness of the time***

A. There was a time ordained from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8)

B. All the prophets spoke of One who should come—even to the very day of that coming. (Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2)

C. The fullness of the time also includes the fulfillment of those principles and precepts which were taught in the Old Testament, such as the offering of the Passover lamb (Exodus 12; I Corinthians 10:11)

##### **II. What did the Father do? *Sent forth His Son***

A. Every communication of God in the Old Testament was given through the second Person of the Trinity—the *Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus of the New Testament* (Psalm 110:1).

B. When the Son was sent forth by the Father, we had the Incarnation—God took on flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1-14; Hebrews 5:5)

##### **III. How Did He Come? *Made of a woman***

A. Instead of taking on the nature of an angel, he humbled Himself and took on our flesh and bones, in order to be one with us in nature. (Phil. 2:5-8)

B. Made of a woman reminds us that in the first Gospel proclamation in Genesis 3:15--that the Seed of the woman bruises the serpent's head.

C. Made of a woman speaks of the virgin birth of Christ (Luke 1:35). *The miracle of the virgin birth of Christ is fundamental to the whole Christian revelation!*

##### **IV. What were His limitations? *Made under the Law***

A. Christ subjected Himself to all the limitations of human flesh—exhaustion, hunger, thirst—tempted in all points yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15)

B. Christ was subject to the requirements of the moral law of God, and by His obedience to the law He became our second Adam, dying vicariously for us. (I Cor. 15:22-45)

##### **V. What was His task? *To redeem them that were under the law***

A. To fulfill the requirements of the Law, and to pay the penalty for our sin—Just for the unjust (I Peter 3:18)

B. The redemption includes the entire world—which will be fulfilled when Christ returns (Revelation 21:2—John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.)

##### **VI. How does this apply to us? *That we might receive the adoption of sons***

A. Christ came to make you a child of God—redemption

B. The new birth makes us partakers of Christ's Nature

(2 Peter 1:4 *whereby, we are given the exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*)

C. Christ put the Spirit of adoption into our hearts so that we, like Christ, can cry "Abba Father" (Romans 8:14; Galatians 4:6 says: "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.)

D. Mary & Joseph return to Bethlehem—ancestral home.

Merry Christmas to you all. Pastor Cal

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up. Sweet Hour of Prayer Monday at 7pm here at the church

No Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm till Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - Ernie Beck

Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am - Jim O'Rourke

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\*