

The When, the What, and the Why of Christmas!

Galatians 4:1-7

v.1 – the _____ child and the _____ child

- “child” = an infant, a minor, in need of help of another
- “heir” = one who receives by lot
- “servant” – one bound to another

A _____ is coming to the heir child

v.2 – The heir child has _____.

- A Jewish boy legally becomes a man on the Sabbath Day following his _____ birthday.
- When does a boy become a man today?

A slave child has no such _____.

v.3 – Paul brings us and his readers into the _____.

- “bondage” = the same root as the word _____.
- “elements” = the _____, _____, _____’s of this world.

Which group is Paul putting us and his readers in?

v.4a – The When of Christmas

- “But” – another _____ “but” tied to God
- “fullness” = has been filled
- Acts 17:30-31 – God _____ a day.
- Romans 5:6-8 – A the _____ time.
- “Time In A Bottle” - _____
- “Does Anyone Really Know What Time It Is?” - _____

God did not look down from heaven and say...

- _____ - Israel is pretty central.
- _____ - Anticipation high with silence.
- _____ - The fixed Roman roads.
- _____ - The common Greek language.
- _____ - A time of many gods.

v.4b – The What of Christmas

- “sent forth” = to an appointed place, already exists – (1) _____
- John 1:1-8 – John’s Christmas account
- “born from a woman” – (2) _____
- “born under the law” – (3) _____
- Matthew 3:13-17 – The One sent is 1, 2, and 3.
- “See In Yonder Manger Low” – 1835 – Lutheran carol

v.5-6 – The Why of Christmas

- “redeem” = recover by paying a _____
- “receive” = recover what has been _____
- Something was lost in the _____.
- Adam & Eve went from _____ to _____.
- God sent forth His Son (v.2) and God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into _____ hearts (v.6).
- “To God Be The Glory” – Fanny Crosby – 1875

The When = God’s _____

The What = God’s _____

The Why = God’s _____

v.7 – Christmas came to bring us _____.

- Old Betty story – a story to share
- One hand - _____ in full / other hand – future _____

This week:

- Today – Communion Served
- Tuesday – Men's Group – 6 pm
- Saturday – Ladies' Brunch – 9:30 am
- Sunday – 9 am class / 10:30 am gathering

Coming up:

- Christmas Family Dinner – Wednesday, December 18th – 5:30 pm
- Soul Sisters – Thursday – December 19th – 6:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Tuesday – December 24th – 5:30 pm
- Men's Breakfast – Saturday – December 28th – 7:30 am

Advent Sunday #1 - December 1, 2024

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