

## **The Birth of God in Human Form**

### Introduction

- A. It is beyond imagination: God became a man – to redeem His people.
- B. The story of Jesus Christ is The Greatest Story – and, we are all personally involved.
- C. The Scripture: Galatians 4:4-6.

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who call out, "Abba, Father."

### I. **The Greatest Preparation: "But when the time had fully come...."**

- A. Preparation in language: the spread of the Greek language over the known world.
- B. Preparation in religion: the dissatisfaction with the Greek and Roman idolatry.
- C. Preparation in travel: the Roman government made travel safe.
- D. Preparation in geography: the Roman government controlled the known world.
- E. Preparation in civil affairs: the Roman government maintained a sense of justice.
- F. Preparation in Christianity: the heightened expectation of the coming Messiah.
- G. Preparation in Jewish circles: the increasing irritation with the burden of Roman control.
- H. Preparation in prophecy: John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets.

### II. **The Greatest Gift: "God sent His son...."**

- A. There could be no greater Giver: The Holy Father.
- B. There could be no greater motivation: infinite love.
- C. There could be no greater gift: the second person of the Trinity.

### III. **The Greatest Mystery: "Born of a woman...."**

- A. There could not be a more unusual conception: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you."
- B. There could not be a more unusual child: "The Son of God."
- C. There could not be a more unusual relationship: "Immanuel... God with us."

### IV. **The Greatest Representation: "Born under law...."**

- A. There could not be a greater submission: the Lawgiver submitting to His own law.
- B. There could not be a greater demand: perfect obedience required for entrance to Heaven.
- C. There could not be a greater identification: all believers obeying the Law in Jesus Christ.

V. **The Greatest Purpose: "To redeem those under law...."**

- A. There could not be a greater need: the issue was destiny - an eternity in Hell.
- B. There could not be a greater provision: full redemptive benefits by God Himself.
- C. There could not be a greater imputation: perfect righteousness before God and His Law.

VI. **The Greatest Relationship: "That we might receive the full rights of sons...."**

- A. There could be no greater poverty: "That we...." - we had only our sin to give.
- B. There could be no greater reception: "Might receive...." - we gained every benefit.
- C. There could be no greater standing: "The full rights of sons...." - we are adopted.

VII. **The Greatest Confirmation: "God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts...."**

- A. There could be no greater authority: "God sent...." - no one may rightly accuse.
- B. There could be no greater witness: "The Spirit of His Son...." - a personal Witness.
- C. There could be no greater awareness: "Into our hearts...." - a "spirit" confirmation.

VIII. **The Greatest Comfort: "The Spirit Who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'"**

- A. There could be no greater source: "The Spirit...." - the third person of the Trinity!
- B. There could be no greater ministry: "Who calls out...." - a continual spiritual witness.
- C. There could be no greater relationship: "Father...." - a personal care of Sovereign God
- D. There could be no greater intimacy: "Abba, Father...." - calling God "Daddy"?! **Yes!**

Victor Matthews

Conclusion:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King. "

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb,  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel,  
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King. "

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings,  
Mild He lays His glory by. Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth,  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Charles Wesley