



**Sermon: The Redemptive Purpose for Christ's Coming**

**Scripture: Galatians 4:3-9**

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## Introduction:

God sent Jesus Christ to redeem us **from** worthless and oppressive enslavement to other gods in order **to** make us eternal heirs with Christ.

## What qualifies Christ as our Redeemer? (4:4)

1. His sovereign **timeliness**. ("in the fulness of time")

God has set another appointment for Christ's return! (Revelation 22:20)

2. His eternal **divinity**. ("God sent forth His Son")

3. His true **humanity**. ("born of a woman")

*"Christianity is not a religion of stable and straw;  
it is a religion of thorns and nails, wood and blood.  
The incarnation cannot save us without the crucifixion." (Phil Ryken)*

4. His perfect **obedience**. ("born under the law")

## What are the purposes of Christ in Redemption? (4:5-9)

1. God sent His Son to redeem us **FROM enslavement**.

- The first benefit of salvation = atonement.

**Scripture:** Galatians 3:26; Titus 2:4

### To what is mankind enslaved?

A. Mankind is enslaved to worthless **religious** principles. (4:3)

B. Mankind is enslaved to powerless **idols**. (4:8-9)

2. God sent the Son to adopt us **TO His family**.

- A second benefit of our salvation = adoption.

**Scripture:** Romans 8:15; Ephesians 1:5

- Christ came to not only remove sin's curse from us, but to share with us the infinite blessings which He deserves!

- God sent His Spirit that we might **EXPERIENCE** our adoption fully. (4:7)

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1

## Conclusion:

An increasing **delight** in our inheritance in Christ will restrain our **desires** for fulfillment in the slaveries from which we've been redeemed!

*"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,"  
(Titus 2:11-13)*

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## Questions to Consider:

1. What does it mean to be redeemed from slavery?
2. What are some of the "gods" to which we were enslaved?
3. How do Christians somehow live as though they are not redeemed from slavery?
4. In what ways did Jesus come at "the fulness of time?"
5. How is Christ uniquely qualified to be our redeemer?
6. How can we fully enjoy the benefits as heirs with Christ? What are some of these benefits?