

## God's Perfect Timing

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Christmas Eve holds a very special meaning for our family. Three short years ago, our youngest son was born...a week and a half before schedule! I remember waking up that morning to see my wife scurrying around like she was late for an appointment. The only thing that didn't add up was that it was 5:30 in the morning! That's when those terrifying words crossed her lips, "I think the baby's coming!" Talk about your morning jolt! Who needs coffee when you hear those words as your wake-up call! Two and a half nanoseconds later, I flew out of bed with absolutely no clue as to what to do next! Somehow, we made it to the hospital and, 30 minutes later, the newest member of our family was born. Things don't always happen according to our timetable, but they always happen according to God's.

A little over 2000 years ago on that first Christmas Eve, as Mary and Joseph prepared for the arrival of their Child, the clock of God's perfect timing was ready to strike. The following day would bring forth an event that had been planned in the mind of God long before the ages, even before the world was made. The table of history had been set and the time had come for the birth of the Savior!

The Word of God tells us in Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, <sup>5</sup> so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

Jesus Christ; the Son of God, "...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world," came into this world at exactly the right moment in history. His birth was an historical game-changer because never before had Deity been clothed in humanity (Phil. 2:6-8). Can you imagine, the eternal Son of God taking His first breath through those tiny lungs; the Agent of Creation letting out that first little cry for his mother (Heb. 1:2)! Never before, had one been born who would live a perfect and sinless life according to God's righteous standard. But this was a new dawn and a new day as God's glorious plan of redemption unfolded.

You see, that is what the birth of Jesus was all about. It was about redemption. It was so that He might buy back, with His perfect life and sacrificial death, those who were under the penalty of death by the Law of God. It was so that we, through faith in Him, might have His righteousness laid to our account and be adopted by God the Father as His children.

God's timing is always perfect. He is on schedule and fulfilling His agenda according to plan. If you have put off trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior, wouldn't this Christmas be the perfect time to become a child of God and really celebrate the reason for the season?