



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Due Date

Galatians 4:4-5 (NKJV) ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

1. The announcement

- We see a promise made of one who would deliver fallen man from the power of the enemy

2. Then it's preparation mode

3. I'm. So. Uncomfortable.

II. THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS

A. We sometimes have this idealistic idea of what Christmas should be like

Luke 2:1-5 (NKJV) And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³ So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

B. Sometimes the timing of Christmas isn't convenient

- The first Christmas was anything but perfect

C. It's also a picture that Christmas can happen anywhere with anyone

Luke 2:8-16 (NKJV) ⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" ¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger



III. THAT'S THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

A. It's not about perfections but imperfections

B. Christmas isn't about the day – it's about Jesus

- The reminder is that when the day is gone – Jesus is still here

Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ A man *who* has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NKJV) ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ *Let your* conduct be without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we may boldly say: "The Lord *is* my helper; I will not fear.

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.