

# Community Group Discussion Questions

December 10, 2017 –The Love of the Father – Galatians 4:3-7

Big Idea: God has proven His love by sending a Glorious Savior and offering a Glorious Salvation.

Key Verse: *“When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of woman, born under law, to redeem those under law that we might receive adoption as sons.”*

Galatians 4:3-7

Outline:

## **Three Perfections of The Glorious Savior**

1. Fully Divine → The All Sufficient Sacrifice (v. 4a)
2. Fully Human → The Appropriate Substitute (v. 4b)
3. Fully Righteous → The Satisfaction for the Law’s Requirements (v. 4c)

## **Four Gifts of our Glorious Salvation**

- Freedom from Slavery to sin (v. 3)
- Freedom from the condemnation of the Law (v. 5)
- The Filling of the Holy Spirit (v. 6)
- Full Access to the Father and His Kingdom (v. 7)

## **Get Started:**

1. What was your Dad like? How did he show love to you and your family?

## **Get your Mind into the Word:**

2. Read Galatians 4:3-7
3. What do you think made 4-5 BC the “fullness of time” in the mind of God (v. 4)?

Historical Note: the last prophet in Israel was Malachi, speaking God’s word around the time of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem in 432 BC. In addition to concluding a season of discipline through prophetic silence, many commentators point to the advantages of the first century for the arrival of Jesus and the rapid growth of the early church. The Pax Romana and Roman Roads made travel relatively safe and easy. A common international language (koine Greek) facilitated communication in diverse cultures. The pantheon of Greek and Roman gods created a cultural awareness of the supernatural and established death and Hades as the great unassailable enemies.

4. What does it mean to be “under the law” (v. 5; see also 3:23-25)?

5. What does it mean to be “in Christ” (3:26-29)?

**Get the Word into your Life:**

6. Of the three perfections of Jesus, what was most encouraging or helpful for you this week? How does Jesus’ coming to earth prove God’s love once and for all?

7. Of the four gifts of grace, what was most encouraging to you?

8. How can we pray for you this week?

Verse of the Month:

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