

God Sent His Son

Galatians 4:4

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son,..

Introduction

1. Versions

- a. KJV...When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son...
- b. NIV...But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son,...
- c. NLT...But when the right time came, God sent his Son...
- d. AMP...But when [in God's plan] the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son,...

2. The reason God sent forth His Son was to redeem humanity

1st. Let us consider that His son came “born of a woman, made under the law”

- a. No special consideration for the Son of God
- b. He faced the same type birth as all other men did
- c. He had the same instruction and rearing that other Jewish boys had
- d. He came under the law of nature, born of a woman, so He could redeem those that were bound by sin
- e. He came under the law of Israel, born of a woman, so He could deliver those bound by the law
- f. Christ came to set all men free so all men could experience the adoption of sons into the family of God through a new birth of the Spirit which starts us afresh in this life

Note: We may not have a “do over,” or a “mulligan” in our lives, but we can “start fresh” in Christ, and from that moment forward we are a “new creature” in Christ Jesus.

2nd. Let us consider that God's plan was/is to set all men free

- a. John 3:14-17

14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not

perish, but have everlasting life. 17: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

b. 2 Peter 3:9...

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

c. John 1:7

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him (Christ) might believe.

d. Ephesians 1:4

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Note Ephesians 1:4 from the Nlt

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

e. Revelations 13:8

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Note: We do things when time is right, and God is not different.

I. God sent His Son when time was right

A. Let us look at God's plan

1. God planned a Savior

a. From previous readings, the Savior was planned before God created man

b. In Genesis 3:15, we see God's plan being put in motion

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

2. In Genesis 6, we find 10 names which tell the story of God's plan

a. Adam is Man by nature who is separated from God because of sin

- b. Seth mean Substitution,
 - i. Seth was substituted for Able
 - ii. Seth represents Christ who is our substitution in the death of the cross
- c. Enos means Frailty, Mortality, or dying
 - i. Seth speaks of our substitute who is Christ
 - ii. Enos speaks of our Substitute dying
 - 1) The just for the unjust
 - 2) The innocent for the guilty
 - iii. Let us look at the example of the Prophetic Substitute
 - 1) The Ram caught in the thicket by the horns was a substitute for Isaac
 - 2) The Ram was taken and offered instead of Isaac
 - 3) The Ram died that Isaac might live
 - 4) Christ our Substitute (identified in Seth) died (identified in Enos) that we might have life, and have life more abundantly.
- d. Cainan means Redemption or Atonement which means to purchase or buy back
 - i. When Christ Died, He purchased us out of the slave market of sin
 - ii. Christ through His atoning blood bought back all Adam had lost in through sinning
 - iii. Christ became our Substitute and died for us, and in His death He
 - 1) Purchased us from sin
 - 2) Became our Cainan, buying back that which Adam lost in the fall.
- e. Mahalaleel means splendor and praise of God
 - i. Christ is our Substitute (Seth)
 - ii. Christ died for us (Enos)
 - iii. Christ bought back that which Adam lost (Cainan)

iv. Christ was resurrected from the dead, so Christ is “the splendor of God” in resurrection power and thus He became our Mahalaleel.

f. Jared means to pour out or descend

i. Christ, after His resurrection,

1) Ascended on high,

2) Received the promise of the Father

3) Poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost upon the waiting apostles on the day of Pentecost

ii. Thus, Christ became our Jared

Note: The six names to now refer to events prior to Pentecost. Beginning with Enoch, we will move into the Church age looking forward to the return of Christ.

Before Jesus died, He promised the Comforter to His disciples, and Jesus told them that when the Comforter had arrived He would teach them all things and instruct them in the things of God.

g. Enoch means to teach or to instruct, to walk up and down, and to be conversant

i. We are living in the Enoch age (church age) or dispensation.

ii. The Holy Spirit is on the scene to Instruct, Teach, and to Lead us into all the truth

Note: With the Holy Spirit, we walk and talk with God as well as being taught and instructed.

iii. Enoch was translated

1) That he might not see death

2) Before his translation, Enoch

a) Walked with God

b) Enjoyed the witness that he was righteous

c) Was raptured without passing through death

iv. Enoch is the seventh from Adam

1) The number seven is the number of perfection (God)

- 2) Enoch is translated that he might not see death which also indicates a life of righteousness, holiness, and relationship with God.

v. Enoch and Jared

- 1) The number six in the Bible is the number of evil (man).
- 2) Jared is the sixth name mentioned in this chapter.
 - a) Jared (Pentecost) ushered in the present dispensation which abounds in evil.
 - b) This present dispensation or age will end with the rapture of the saints just as Enoch was raptured.
- 3) It is now our privilege and joy to walk with God, and like Enoch, live a holy even though we are surrounded by sin and evil

Note: Let us compare Enoch and today's Christians, because Enoch is a foreshadow, a type of all those who will be alive at the coming of the Lord.

- i. The time in which Enoch lived were full of evil, just as it is today.
- ii. Enoch walked with God, and we are to walk with God in
 - 1) Harmony
 - 2) Unity
 - 3) Fellowship
 - 4) Habitually
- iii. Enoch enjoyed the Witness of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1) Hebrews 11:5

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

- 2) We are to enjoy the Witness of the Holy Spirit in us.
 - a) Acts 15:8

And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

b) Romans 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

c) Romans 9:1

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

d) Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

e) Hebrews 10:15-17

15) Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16) This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17) And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

iv. Enoch was a living rebuke to sin as seen in Jude 1:14-15

14) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15) To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Note: We are to be a living rebuke to sin.

v. Enoch was a preacher of righteousness as seen in Jude 1:14

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied

Note: We are to be preachers or declarers of righteousness

vi. Enoch was translated as seen in Genesis 5:24

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Note: We will walk with God, and we will be taken or raptured when Jesus returns for His own

h. Methuselah means

When he is dead, it shall be sent, or when he is dead, it (the deluge) shall come

i. Enoch walked with God, and God revealed to him a secret.

Note: God does not do anything on earth without first revealing it to man.

1) God told Enoch that He was about to judge the world for its iniquity, sin

2) God was about to sweep the earth clean using water, because of man's sin

Note Genesis 6:1-6

1) And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2) That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3) And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4) There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5) And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6) And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7) And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

3) God revealed to Enoch that a flood was coming upon the earth

- a) Enoch believed God, even though he had never seen rain, snow, or a flood.
- b) Enoch named his son Methuselah, meaning "when he is dead, it shall be sent."
- c) God also revealed to Enoch a future judgment coming upon the world

Note Jude 1:14-15

14) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15) To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

ii. Methuselah

- 1) Lived to be 969 years old
- 2) When he died the flood was sent upon the earth.

Note: Some mock and jeer because of the great age of Methuselah, but we as Christians should rejoice and praise God for the length of Methuselah's life demonstrates the mercy and grace of God.

Note: God lengthened out one man's life to almost a millennium because at his death, humanity was to be swept from the earth with a flood. Here we see the long-suffering of God as declared in 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Note: God pronounces judgments, but in the case of antediluvians, God seem to hesitate to strike the blow which would destroy man. Thus Methuselah lived on and on and on until at last, he died, and God's judgments burst upon the earth.

iii. When the church is raptured, then Tribulation will burst upon the earth

- 1) Represented by Enoch's rapture
- 2) Represented by the flood coming after Methuselah's death
- 3) The Rapture will come after the church is gone

iv. The Flood in the Old Testament was a fore-shadow of the Tribulation

Note 2 Thessalonians 2:4-7

i. KJV

7) For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

ii. Let us look at 2 Thessalonians 2 beginning with v1

- 1) In verses 1-3a, Paul is telling them to not be deceived about the coming of the Antichrist
- 2) In verses 3b, the antichrist will not come until there be a great falling away from the gospel of Christ, then the man of sin will be revealed
- 3) Then in verses 4, we see what the man of sin, the son of perdition des
 - a) He opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God,
 - b) He opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is worshipped;
 - c) He sits himself as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- 4) Paul said in v5, I told you these things when I was with you
- 5) In v5, we find that there is something holding this man of sin back, but he will be revealed in his time

Note: Our message is talking about God's time. God has a time, and the man of sin will not be revealed until his time.

6) Verse 7 and 8a reveals two interesting things

a) The mystery or spirit of iniquity is already at work in this world

b) 7b says "he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way."

Note verses 6 and 7 in the

i. Nlt

6) And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7) For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way.

ii. Amp

6) And you know what restrains him now [from being revealed]; it is so that he will be revealed at his own [appointed] time. 7) For the mystery of lawlessness [rebellion against divine authority and the coming reign of lawlessness] is already at work; [but it is restrained] only until he who now restrains it is taken out of the way.

c) God's church is what keeps the antichrist from being revealed, and just as God did not send a flood until the righteous were safely in the ark, so God will not send tribulation until His church is safely out of this world, then shall tribulation come.

7) Notice that v8 begins with "Then" shall that Wicked be revealed, after he who letteth is taken out of the way

8) Also in v8, when Jesus returns with His army to set up His kingdom, He will destroy the antichrist with the spirit of his mouth (word of God), and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9) In v9, we see that the antichrist will work in the power of satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10) In v10-12, people are deceived because they receive not the love of the truth, so they are delusional to believe a life, to be damned because they believed not the truth, and took pleasure in unrighteousness

11) In verses 13-14, Paul give thanks because they have received his gospel

12) In v15, Paul tells them, and us to stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

13) In verses 16-17, Paul ask God to Comfort their hearts and stablish them every good word and work

i. Lamech means Conqueror or King or Destroyer

i. We see the Rapture of the church

ii. Then, we see the flood, or Tribulation period

iii. Then Christ returns to this earth as a conquering King to bring in the Millennial day of rest and peace.

iv. This coming is described in Revelations 19:11-21

1) v11-16 describes our Lord at His 2nd coming

11) And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12) His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

2) Verses 17-18 is an invitation to the feast at Armageddon

17) And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18) That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

3) Verses 19-21 describes the victory of Christ

19) And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21) And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

v. Satan is bound for a 1000 years in Revelations 20:1-3

1) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

j. Noah means rest or comfort

- 1) Christ our substitute shown in Seth
- 2) Christ Died for us in Enos
- 3) Christ purchased back all that was lost in the fall and more in Cainan
- 4) Christ rose again in Mahalaleel
- 5) Christ ascended on high and poured out the Holy Ghost in Jared
- 6) The Holy Spirit has come to cleanse, fill, and instruct us in the things of God during this period of time in Enoch)
- 7) This period of time will end with the rapture, and then will begin the period called Tribulation in Methuselah
- 8) Christ will return as Conquering King of Kings and Lord of Lord in Lamech
- 9) Christ will rule for a thousand years on the earth which will be a time of peace and great prosperity in Noah

B. God has a plan for us to be with Him for eternity

1. A new earth
2. A new Jerusalem

II. When the time was right, the world was in darkness

A. 400 years from Malachi to Matthew

1. 400 years without a word from God
2. 400 years without a prophet
3. 400 years of oppression and bondage

B. God always appear on the scene after a period of darkness

1. Children of Israel in Egyptian bondage without a deliverer, and then God sent a Moses
2. 1 Samuel begins with the fact that the Word of the Lord was precious in those days, because it was a time of darkness when men abhorred the sacrifices of God, and God sent a Samuel
3. A time of darkness and a Daniel receives a revelation from God concerning his people
4. A time of darkness and Esther becomes queen of Persia to bring about deliverance
5. 400 years of darkness and God sends an angel
 - a. To Zacharias the father of John the Baptist
 - b. Six months later to a virgin named Mary
6. 400 years of darkness, then the fullness of time came, the Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary, who conceived, and that which was conceived in her was the Son of God

III. When the time was right, Light came into the world

A. Light came into darkness

1. John 12:46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

2. John 8:12

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life

3. Matthew 4:16

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

4. Luke 1:78-79...Jesus is that Dayspring (Morning light) that gives us light for our life

78) Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,
79) To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

5. Luke 2:30-32...Simeon prophecy over Jesus

30) For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31) Which thou hast prepared before the face of all

people; 32) A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

B. Jesus brought us light so we do not have to live in darkness

1. John 12:35

Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

2. John 3:21

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

3. John 12:36

While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

4. Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

5. Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light

6. Ephesians 5:13-14

13) But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14) Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Note: Give God praise that you do not have to walk in sin and darkness

C. Light reveals, so walk as Children of the Light

1. John 3:19-20 shows us that some do not like the light

20) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 21) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

2. Listen to the admonition to walk in the light

a. Colossians 1:12

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Note: Let us praise Him that we are partakers of the Inheritance of the Light

b. 1 Thessalonians 5:5

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Note: Praise God again that you are of the day and not of the night

c. 2 Timothy 1:9-10...Jesus is the One who has saved us

9) Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Note: Praise Him

d. 1 Peter 2:9...Because of Christ

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

Note: Praise Him

3. 1 John 1:5-7

5) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Note: There is no reason for any of us to live in any type of bondage, for Light as come to us, and we have opportunity to move from darkness to Light

Conclusion

1. In the fullness of time, Jesus came

2. In the fullness of time, Jesus touched your heart that you might know Him

3. It is your time to shine
4. It is your time to walk in life
5. It is your time to be victorious
6. This is our time, for Jesus has come to us
 - a. To save us
 - b. To deliver us
 - c. To set us apart for His use in sanctification
 - d. To empower us with the Holy Ghost so we may do all things through Him who strengthens us
 - e. To rise above what we have always thought we were and would be
 - f. To be all God intends for us to be for the glory of God