



# Still Working

Galatians 4:4-6

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## Introduction

*We are limited in time and perspective. God is not. While it sometimes it seems as if God is not working, Biblical history reassures us that He is. Let's consider the time in which Jesus Christ came into the world and encourage our hearts in the fact that God is still working our His perfect redemptive plan. What's amazing is, we get to be a part of it!*

*Galatians 4:4–6 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

## 1. God's Perfect \_\_\_\_\_ (4a)

THE OLD TESTAMENT CONCLUDES WITH A PROMISE AND WARNING.

*Malachi 4:5–6 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, And the heart of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

QUOTE: In reading Malachi in the synagogue the Jews repeat verse 5 after verse 6 so that the book will not end with a curse. However, as Wolf observes, “This attempt to soften the message does not alter the grim reality. —MacDonald

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THERE IS 400 YEARS OF SILENCE

JUDIASM WAS BANKRUPT OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*Religion was empty and strife was full.*

CIRCUMSTANCES WERE RIPE FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOOD NEWS

*Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come...*

## 2. God's Promised \_\_\_\_\_ (4b)

*Galatians 4:4 ...God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

GOD SENT FORTH

*John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

*DEFINITION—DWELT: Tabernacled, set up tent*

*Exodus 40:34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.*

MADE OF A WOMAN

*Genesis 3:15 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.*

*Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

*Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

#### MADE UNDER THE LAW

QUOTE: He put Himself under the law that He had made, in order that He might magnify it in His life, and bear its curse in His death.  
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*Hebrews 7:25–26 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. 26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*

### 3. God's Planned \_\_\_\_\_ (4-6)

*Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

*Galatians 4:5–6 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

#### UNDER THE LAW

*Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

ADOPTION OF SONS — *full rights of a mature son*

*Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

ABBA, FATHER—*close relationship*

*Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

*1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

## **Conclusion**

All of human history \_\_\_\_\_ in birth of Jesus Christ by the perfect design of God in order to bring salvation, restoration and light into this dark world.

## **Questions to Consider**

How have I God clearly working in or around my life recently?

Do I believe that God is still actively working our His redemptive plan in the world today?

Am I willing to rest in God's timing and perspective?

