

God's Purpose for Christmas

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Galatians 4:4-5

**Jesus Christ came for our r _____,
to redeem those under the law.**

The doctrines of redemption and adoption

Reasons God gave the Old Testament Law

1. God gave the Old Testament Law to _____ of our sin.

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. Romans 3:20

No man can justify himself before God by a perfect performance of the Law's demands—indeed it is the straight-edge of the Law that shows us how crooked we are.

Romans 3:20

**2. The law was given to c _____ us,
to show us we are separated from God and sentenced to hell.**

Reasons God gave the Old Testament Law

All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Galatians 3:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. James 2:10

3. The law was given and actually, s _____ further sin.

Reasons God gave the Old Testament Law

The law was added so that the trespass might increase. Romans 5:20a

But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead. Romans 7:8

The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:20-21

*“If an alien or a temporary resident among you becomes rich and one of your countrymen becomes poor and sells himself to the alien living among you or to a member of the alien’s clan, **Leviticus 25:47***

he retains the right of redemption after he has sold himself. One of his relatives may redeem him: An uncle or a cousin or any blood relative in his clan may redeem him.

Leviticus 25:48-49

*For this is what the Lord says: “You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.” **Isaiah 52:3***

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. **1 Peter 1:18-19***

*let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience **Hebrews 10:22***

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, **Galatians 3:13***

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

*But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. **Romans 6:17-18***

*At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. **Titus 3:3-6***

*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. **Titus 3:4-5***

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, Titus 3:5-6

Jesus Christ came to a _____ us into His family.

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God sent his son... that we might receive the full rights of sons. Galatians 4:4-5

Three benefits from belonging to God's family.

1. We have a new n _____ through the Holy Spirit.

God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, Galatians 4:6

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:4

2. We have an intimate r _____ with the Father.

Three benefits from belonging to God's family.

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:15-16

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— Ephesians 1:4-5

3. God gives us a rich i _____.

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God's Riches and our Inheritance in Christ

- *The "riches of His grace"* **Ephesians 2:7**
- *His glorious riches* **Philippians 4:19**
- *The riches of His kindness* **Romans 2:4**
- *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!* **Romans 11:33**

the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
Colossians 1:27

You have been redeemed by the blood of Christ—accept it.

You have been adopted into God's family —rejoice in it.

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-1

O Little Town of Bethlehem

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ e_____ in.

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