

## The Fulness of Time

### Galatians 4:1-6

The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland...

Remember that, in a similar fashion, Paul likened the law to a prison warden last week as something to govern God's people until the coming of Messiah.

#### I. From a \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_

Paul really continues the thought from last week even though a new chapter has begun. He refers heirs to a \_\_\_\_\_. One thing different for us is that Paul was assuming his readers understood the Greek/Roman/Jewish culture of his day. While a Greek/Roman family would put the eldest son in the hands of a guardian, he didn't own anything, yet. The heir might own the lands by \_\_\_\_\_ but not by \_\_\_\_\_. Consequently, the child was about as free as a \_\_\_\_\_, even being called \_\_\_\_\_. This heir continued in this position until the \_\_\_\_\_ set by \_\_\_\_\_. In Rome, the age typically was \_\_\_\_\_. In Greece, the age was \_\_\_\_\_. In the area of

Galatia, sometimes the father set the legal age of the heir at \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul is telling us that, before coming to Christ, we were \_\_\_\_\_ to the law. So, in effect, the Judaizers were effectively telling the gentile Christians that the law was sort of \_\_\_\_\_ school. In reality, trying to get people to live by the law, rather than the gospel, is like telling a PhD graduate to return to \_\_\_\_\_ to learn the alphabet. (Ryken).

#### II. The Fulness of Time and Christ

The coming of Messiah was set by the Father. Jesus is the BC/AD of all time. The Greeks had provided the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel. The Romans had provided the \_\_\_\_\_ for the gospel. The Jews had provided the \_\_\_\_\_ for the gospel to be taught.

God sent forth His Son – teaches us \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and testifies to His \_\_\_\_\_.

Born of a woman – declares the manner of His coming. The verb "sent" implies His \_\_\_\_\_, while born implies \_\_\_\_\_.

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Born under the law – This phrase teaches us the \_\_\_\_\_ of His coming. He \_\_\_\_\_ kept the law. He even \_\_\_\_\_ under the law.

To redeem those under the law – teaches us He came for \_\_\_ reasons. 1) He came to \_\_\_\_\_ us. His death paid a price that we \_\_\_\_\_ pay. 2) He also came to \_\_\_\_\_ us as \_\_\_\_\_.

He actually turned us, \_\_\_\_\_, into \_\_\_\_\_.

Turning slaves into sons, reminds us that serving Jesus is done from a son perspective and not a slave. We shouldn't serve out of a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.