

**CHRISTMAS 2024**  
*"He's An Ontime God"*  
**Galatians 4:3-5**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**1. Philippians 2:1-11**

a) The Humiliation of Christ

**2. Galatian 4:1-7**

a) "The Fulness of TIME"

3. Everything in the Christmas Story happens according to God's TIMETABLE.

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Having the right TIMING is important in LIFE.

**5. QUEEN ESTHER - Esther 4:12-14**

**6. THE BIRTH OF JESUS - Galatians 4:3-5**

7. **THIS MORNING** - What does the birth of Jesus tell us about God's timing in your life?

**FIVE BIBLE TRUTHS ABOUT GOD'S TIMING IN OUR LIVES**

**I. TRUTH #1 - GOD HAS A TIMETABLE FOR EVERYTHING**

**1. Ecclesiastes 3:1-7**

**2. Ecclesiastes 3:1**

a) *"For everything there is a season"*

b) *"and a time for every matter under Heaven"*

**3. Ecclesiastes 3:1 NLT**

a) *"For everything there is a season"*

b) *"A time for every activity under Heaven"*

4. Everything that happens in this world, happens @ the exact time God chooses.

a) And God had a timetable for Christmas.

**5. Galatians 4:3, 4-5**

a) That's what God sent Jesus to do!!!

1) Show us what God is like.

2) To save us from our sins.

3) And accept us into God's family.

6. *Galatians 4:4a*

a) "*But when the fullness of time had come*"

1) "*God sent forth His Son*"

7. Christmas happened @ just the right time!!

8. **QUESTION:** What made it the right time?

a) *Galatians 4:4*

1) "*fulness of time*" - refers to the completing of *the period of separation* in God's Sovereign timetable of redemption.

b) When the Law had fully accomplished its purpose of showing man his utter failure to live up to God's perfect standard of righteousness, God ushered in a new era of redemption.

1) *Romans 3:19-20*

9. When Jesus was born, everything was right for the coming of Messiah.

a) It was the right time RELIGIOUSLY

b) It was the right time CULTURALLY

c) It was the right time POLITICALLY

10. *Vs 4*

a) "*...God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,*"

1) "*born under the Law*"

a) We are "under" its mastery

## II. TRUTH #2 - GOD DOESN'T GIVE THE DETAILS IN ADVANCE

1. *Ecclesiastes 3:11*

2. God has a timetable for your life...

a) "*but he doesn't give us the details in advance*"

3. **QUESTION** - Why doesn't God reveal the details to us?

a) **ANSWER** - Because God is God and He wants us to TRUST Him.

4. *Acts 1:7*

5. *Proverbs 27:1*

## III. TRUTH #3 - GOD IS NEVER IN A HURRY - AND HE'S NEVER LATE

1. God's timing is always **PERFECT**..

a) The Reason is that God doesn't live in the realm of TIME.

1) God lives in the Eternal Present.

2) Which means that God is not bound by time.

2. **2 Peter 3:8**

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** When God created us, He created us with the capacity to DREAM.

4. **THINK ABOUT THAT** - Think about the VISION God has placed in your heart.

a) There are times as life goes on, people give up on their dreams.

b) WHY? Because it didn't happen fast enough.

5. **SOMETIMES** our DREAMS get battered, bruised and broken.

a) *Habakkuk 2:5*

#### IV. TRUTH #4 - GOD'S TIMING IS NOT ALWAYS CONVENIENT

1. AND God's TIMING is for our BENEFIT.

2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** GOD'S PLAN is not always PAINLESS.

3. **BUT GOD'S TIMING IN OUR LIVES IS ALWAYS BEST.**

4. **LISTEN UP:** HOW ABOUT JESUS BIRTH?

a) **It sure wasn't convenient!!!**

1) Mary was pregnant by the HOLY SPIRIT.

a. Who's going to believe that?

b. *Luke 2:1-3,4*

2) They had to travel back to the place where they were born.

3) Mary was about to deliver when she made the 70-mile trip back to Bethlehem on a donkey.

4) She was without her mom, or a midwife.

5) There was no room for her in the Inn and so she delivered her child in a barn.

b) It sure wasn't convenient!!

5. **THIS WAS GOD'S PLAN AND GOD'S TIMING!!!!**

a) *Micah 5:2*

6. *Luke 2:1-6*

## V. TRUTH #5 - GOD CAN DO ANYTHING

### 1. *Isaiah 60:22*

a) "*hasten*" - quickly

### 2. The most difficult place for you to be in life, is in God's WAITING ROOM.

a) WHERE'S GOD'S WAITING ROOM?

1) When you're in a HURRY and GOD isn't, that's God's waiting ROOM.

### 3. WHEN GOD DELAYS IN OUR LIFE, IT'S FOR A REASON.

a) To test our FAITH.

b) To build our CHARACTER.

4. **LISTEN UP:** While we are working on our GOALS AND DREAMS, GOD is working on US!!!

### 5. *Isaiah 49:8* NLT

a) "*At just the right time I will respond to you.*"

6. **QUESTION:** WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO DO WHILE YOU ARE IN THE WAITING ROOM OF LIFE?

a) God wants to teach us to trust Him.

1) GOD HAS A TIMETABLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS.

2) GOD DOESN'T TELL US EVERYTHING IN ADVANCE

3) GOD IS NEVER IN A HURRY - AND HE'S NEVER LATE

4) GOD'S TIMING IS NOT ALWAYS PERFECT

5) AT THE RIGHT TIME GOD CAN DO WHAT HE WANTS INSTANTLY

## CONCLUSION:

### 1. Fear Not - Trust God

a) *Mark 5:36*

b) *Psalms 31:14-15*

c) *Psalms 60:13*

### 2. Fret Not - Don't Worry - Be Patient

a) *Psalms 37:7-8*

b) *Philippians 4:6*

c) *1 Peter 5:6*

### 3. Forget Not - Study God's Word

a) There are over 6000 promises in God's Word.

b) *James 1:25*

c) *Psalms 1:1-3*

### 4. Faint Not - Never Give Up

a) *Galatians 6:9*