

**The Miracle of Christmas
The Miracle of the Moment
Galatians 4:4-7 (page 812)**

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God's t i m i n g is always p e r f e c t (Gal 4:4a)

God was at work p r e p a r i n g the world for the a r r i v a l of His Son

- P o l i t i c a l l y (Daniel 2:24-45; 8:15-27; Prov 18:1)
- S o c i a l l y / C u l t u r a l l y (Acts 17:16-21)
- S p i r i t u a l l y (Jer 25:1-14; 52:27; Acts 19:23-27)
- P e r s o n a l l y (Luke 2:1-7; Micah 5:2)

God's *perfect timing* involves a

- *deliberate* m e a n s (Gal 4:4b; Gen 3:15)
 - born of woman = v i r g i n birth
 - born under the law = h u m i l i t y and h u m a n i t y
- a *distinct* p u r p o s e (Gal 4:5-7)
 - to r e d e e m us
 - to give us f u l l p r i v i l e g e s as His family

Christmas reminds us that God's timing is *always* p e r f e c t in y o u r life and in m i n e

My Miracle of the Moment...

Take some time this week and think back about God's timing in your life over the last year. Share one of those moments with someone this Christmas. _____

How does seeing God's precise timing in the birth of Jesus make a difference in how you see Him at work in your life? How will that make a difference in how you face life this week?

Project (personally or as a family): As you look back and see God's perfect timing in your life, jot down the circumstance and place the papers in a box or container. Each month, take time to open them and share with others what God has done.
