

The Proof of Christ and the Fullness of Time

Galatians 04:01–07

1. *There was a time when the world was in bondage*

- a. A child: An illustration
- 1) Is under guardians and trustees
 - 2) Inherits the estate at the appointed time
- b. The world:
Its elementary education by law

2. *There was a fullness of time when God delivered the world*

- a. How:
God sent His own Son as a man, under the law
- b. Why?
To redeem the world
- c. Results
- 1) We are adopted as God's sons
 - 2) We receive assurance of acceptance by the Spirit
 - 3) We become heirs of God

- 1 What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.
- 2 He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.
- 3 So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world.
- 4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,
- 5 To redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
- 6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."
- 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.