

Time (Greek)

- 1. Chronos clock time
- 2. Kairos time of opportunity
- Our text is a melding of the two terms – a moment in time; a special moment of revelation

Biblical Timeline

- 2000 BC Abraham (Genesis 12-18)
- 1500 BC Moses (Exodus)
- 1000 BC David (Samuel)
- 586 BC Fall of Jerusalem/exile
- 0 Birth of Christ
- 60 AD Paul's writings

GOD SENDS HIS SON "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law," Galatians 4.4

in the fullness of time

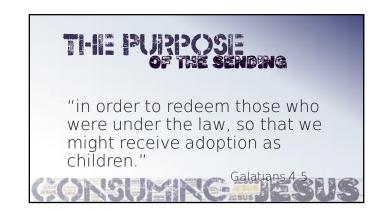
- Jesus is born of a woman (Mary)
- An Israelite under the law (Torah)
- God is the prime actor (v4-7 'God' 4x)

Jesus' Solidarity with humans

- Speaks of the incarnation
- Growing up in occupied territory
- Under difficult circumstances
- Living in obedience to the Jewish scriptures

He was vulnerable to all the conditions of human life which constantly threaten and unsettle – fear, loneliness, suffering, temptation, doubt, and ultimately godforsakenness.

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to redeem

- To ransom/ buy back
- An economic term to pay for
- Used as an expression for God's saving action in Jesus

to adopt

- Adoption a Roman law someone receives the same status as a son/daughter by birth
- Become sons & daughters of God

A position of interacy

- Ready access to our Father
- We live in communion with God as our parent
- God still the prime actor



And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4:6-

'Ento our hearts'

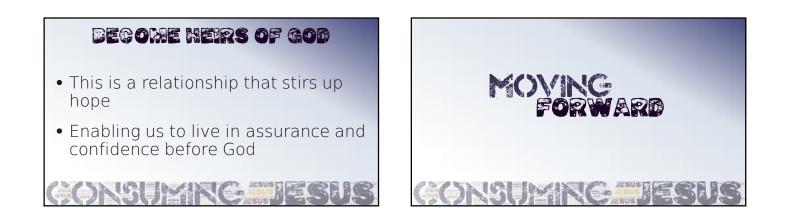
- God sends his Spirit deep into our hearts (v6) – a movement speaking to our daily experience
- Not an intellectual observation but an experiential reality

While that presence is never overpowering, it has within it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion toward something higher, which invites us to draw upon it. And, if we do draw upon it, it gushes up in us in an infinite stream that instructs us, nurtures us, and fills us with endless energy.

knowing god as abba

- A relationship Jesus knew of the Father (Mark 14:36)
- We have the same access to God to know him as Abba (Romans 8:15)

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our identity

- God's double-sending speaks to the issue of our identity
- The challenge of the identity-crisis: Who am I? What defines my worth?
- Our relationship with Jesus defines who we are in God

'Crying Abba I'

- A daily communion with God an ongoing conversation with Him; an awareness of God's continuing presence
- So that our hearts burn with his interior presence (Luke 24:32)

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Don't turn back

- Do not become enslaved to old patterns again (Galatians 4:8)
- Keep going forward from deep to deep (Psalm 42:7)
- Keep listening, being attentive to God's voice

• As our Abba, God empowers us to do amazing things