**Berry Ross December 11, 2016**

**Jesus Came In The Fullness Of Time**

**Galatians 4:1-7**

**Key truth:** Jesus Christ is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

**1. The position** **of man before the fullness of time.**

 A. The Law governed man.

 B. No one could be justified under the Law

 C. The Law could not save man.

 D. The Law exposed the sinfulness of man.

**2. The condition of man before the fullness of time.**

 A. Man was living under the bondage of Law.

 B. Man became more undisciplined in his walk with God.

 C. The spiritual condition of man was in a downward spiral.

 D. Old pagan religions were giving way to new ones

**3. The coming of Christ fulfilled God’s redemptive**

 **requirements.**

 A. Jesus is the seed that fulfilled the promise to Abraham.

 B. The sinless humanity of Jesus provided the penalty of sin as

 our substitute.

 C. The deity of Jesus is the eternal worth needed to atone for

 sin.

**4. The believer’s new position after the fullness of time.**

 A. Christ becomes Savior to anyone who believes.

 B. Believers are no longer under the Law.

 C. Kingdom inheritance is now realized.

 D. The full complements of rights and privileges in Christ are

 now available.

**Conclusion:** Jesus came in the fullness of time to redeem us from sin and gave us a kingdom inheritance. Receive Him today.

**Food for Thought for the week of December 11, 2016**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. In Galatians 4:1-7 we heard how Jesus came into the world in the fullness of time to redeem us from sin. Luke 1:26-38 gives us an opportunity to view the key participants in God’s plan to bring forth His Son.

Luke 1:26-38

Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

How does knowing Jesus is the Son of God who came to redeem sinners increase your willingness to help make Him known in all the earth?

How does Mary’s availability to serve in any capacity increase your availability to serve in God’s Kingdom?