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[Galatians 4:4-6](#)

In Galatians, Paul is writing to counter the Judaizers who are trying to convince the new Christians to go back to following the law, giving up their free life in Jesus. Earlier in the letter, Paul describes the law as how God disciplined the nation and prepared the people for the coming of Christ. In this passage, he points out that Jesus' birth in Bethlehem was not an accident; it was an appointment to redeem those who had been kidnapped by the law. Jesus came in the fullness of time. To go back into the law would be to undo the very work of Christ on the cross. Paul is telling us that as sons (and daughters) of Christ we are fully free to enjoy the spiritual riches as an heir of God through Christ. God didn't pay the price to make us slaves, but sons. When we choose Christ, God sends the Holy Spirit into our lives crying out "Abba, Father," showing the closeness of the believer to the Father. It's that spiritual freedom that Paul is writing to protect – for the Galatians and for us today.

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