Glenwood Baptist Church

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Worship Service

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Christmas Unwrapped

Lesson Two

God's Perfect Timing

The Perfect Timing of Christmas

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5 ESV

What was the purpose of Jesus' coming?

God sent His Son to <u>REDEEM</u> us from sin so we might be <u>ADOPTED</u> as sons into His eternal family.

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2. Jesus Will <u>RETURN</u> at the Perfect Time!

The Return of Jesus Christ:

We know Jesus will return, but not WHEN it will happen.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" Matthew 24:36 NKJV

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 1Thessalonians 5:1-2 NKJV

Why is the Lord so patient in His return?

So many people will come to <u>REPENTANCE</u> of sin and faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation.

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2Peter 3:8-9 NIV

God's Perfect Timing in My Life:

1) <u>RECEIVE</u> the gift of God's Son now.

- 2) <u>TRUST</u> the timing of God's work in your life.
- 3) <u>PROCLAIM</u> the purpose of God's coming to the lost.

God Rules Over Time!

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV

God's TIMING (kairos) isn't the same as our time (chronos).

We weren't created for time, but for ETERNITY.

God's Perfect Timing:

1. Jesus Was BORN at the Perfect Time!

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The World When Christ Was Born:

- > Politically, it was a time of Roman <u>PEACE</u>.
- Culturally, it was a time of common <u>LANGUAGE</u>.
- Spiritually, it was a time of religious <u>BANKRUPTCY</u>.