

## Monday Morning Meditation: Galatians 4:4-5



**I never knew I could so easily be reduced to tears while sitting in church at Christmastime. But this Sunday morning, our pastor challenged us to ponder the *why* of Christmas instead of the *how*, and my shoulders were splattered with amazement and love oozing from my eyes.**

Because rather than focusing on the shepherds and the star, we talked about salvation and redemption. And rather than talking about giving birth, we talked about adoption.

### **Galatians 4:4-5 says:**

**<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.** (underlining mine)

It's an unconventional way to think about the glory and power of Christmas, especially, as my pastor pointed out, since Paul uses these verses to "draw a straight line from the manger to the cross." In a season of swaddling clothes, it's difficult to imagine the beams of Calvary, yet Paul hints at the crucifixion casting a shadow over the manger from the instant Christ was born.

**And astonishingly, he tells us that God orchestrated the whole story so that he could adopt us.** So that we could be His sons. His daughters. *His children.* Heirs to the kingdom. **What a picture of devastating love. What a picture of utter sacrifice.**

**For today's meditation, I invite you to take 6 minutes and watch this video.**

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**Slip your own image onto the screen and imagine your own voice proclaiming that you're from Michigan. Or Texas. Or Arizona. Or Pennsylvania. ... And God has taken you to be part of His family.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ggr00IXfZOI>

This Christmas, consider that God looked out into *all the world!!...and He picked you. And He picked me.*

**And so we approach the manger with gratitude and hearts desperate to praise Him. We approach our King, as a baby, knowing that we come with nothing, and yet He has given us *everything*.**

**Link up and share your own thoughts on Galatians 4:4-5! Here's how:**

- reflect on the passage and **share a story** or example from your life that exemplifies the truth of that passage
- **write a devotional** of sorts, providing a more theological perspective on the selection
- **post a photo** that you think captures the heart of the message

THEN...

1. **Link up here** (follow the button directions below)
2. AND...**visit the blogger who linked up ahead of you!!** A must! Since the point of this linky-party is to encourage one another, we must ***visit and read each other's posts!***