

Sermon Series: The Fulness of Time: Advent 2020

Sermon Text: Galatians 4:4 The Fulness of Time Had Come

For the glory of His grace God governs history according to His plan of salvation in His Son.

1) God has always governed history with a goal of salvation in His Son.

- a) Creation—Adam a type of the One to come
- b) Covenant of Grace/Seed of Serpent vs. Seed of Woman; Cain/Seth lineage
- c) Covenant of Grace with Noah/Pre-flood Corruption/Cleansing
- d) Covenant of Grace with Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- e) Covenant of Grace with Israel—Mosaic Covenant a tutor to guard and guide to Christ
 - i) Commandments—the message of holiness
 - ii) Priesthood—the message of a Mediator
 - iii) Circumcision—the message of regeneration
 - iv) Sacrifices—the message of atonement
 - v) Purity—the message of cleansing
- f) Covenant of Grace with David—the message of the *Kingdom*
- g) Covenant of Grace for Exiles—the message of New Covenant
 - i) Daniel—the Kingdom of God/saints to dominate all kingdoms
 - ii) Prophets—the fulness of Covenant of Grace in Messiah
- h) **Application:**
 - i) Same Covenant of Grace—substance is Christ
 - ii) Different Administration—less clarity; less Gentile inclusion

2) God continues to govern history under the salvation in His Son.

- a) Christ and New Creation
- b) Christ crushes the serpent's head
- c) Christ brings the comfort and peace longed for with Noah
- d) Christ blesses all families of the earth
- e) Christ fulfills the righteousness of the law; satisfies the penalty of the law; cleanses from sin's defilement
- f) Christ rules the nations
- g) **Application:**
 - i) Types and shadows now fulfilled—no longer practiced
 - ii) We are empowered by Christ to disciple the nations

Doxology: Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.—Revelation 4:11