

**Sermon Series: In the Fulness of Time: Advent 2020**

**Sermon Text: Galatians 4:5**

**Sermon Title: The Redeemer**

**Christ redeemed us from bondage under the law.**

**1) Humanity is enslaved under the law.**

- a) Believing Jews before Christ's coming were under the law—Mosaic Covenant as a Covenant of Grace, as a guardian and manager to lead to faith in Christ (4:1-3).
- b) Unbelieving Jews are under the law as disinherited slaves (4:25, 30).
- c) Gentiles are under the law as a bondage to false gods (4:8).
- d) Apart from Christ, existence under the law is cursed (3:10)
- e) **Application:** The Human Condition
  - i) Bondage to sin
  - ii) Bondage to false gods/false religions

**2) Christ redeemed us from slavery under the law.**

- a) He redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse (3:13)
- b) He redeemed us from the condemnation of the law by dying for our sins (1:4)
- c) He redeemed us from the captivity of the law by delivering us from the tyranny of self-justification (1:4; 4:9)
- d) He "Redeemed" us from the guardianship of the Mosaic Administration of the Covenant by fulfilling the law (3:23-25)
- e) **Application:** Living in the Freedom of Christ
  - i) Put your inner legalist out (4:21-31)
  - ii) Stand firm in your freedom (5:1-6)

**Doxology:** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. (Isaiah 61:10-11)