



## Discussion Questions

### Galatians 4:1-7 "The Incarnation of Christ"

#### INTRODUCTION

When looking at the relationship of God's people to the law, Paul notes how Christ was "born of a woman, born under the law" so that ultimately God could turn sinners into saints, slaves into son.

#### DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean that the law is akin to the ABCs of the gospel? How does the Holy Spirit advance our understanding of the law?
2. Paul says that Christ was *sent* by the Father. What does this say about Christ's existence *before* his birth?
3. Discuss the following quote, "God went beyond redemption to adoption, turning slaves into sons."
4. Discuss the following quote from Martin Luther in light of the Christmas season: *[Christianity] does not begin at the top, as all other religions do; it begins at the bottom.... Therefore, whenever you are concerned to think and act about your salvation, you must put away all speculations about the Majesty, all thoughts of works, traditions, and philosophy—indeed, of the Law of God itself. And you must run directly to the manger and the mother's womb, embrace this Infant and Virgin's Child in your arms, and look at Him—born, being nursed, growing up, going about in human society, teaching, dying, rising again, ascending above all the heavens, and having authority over all things. In this way you can shake off all terrors and errors, as the sun dispels the clouds.*

#### APPLICATION

So often we forget that being found in Christ means being a child of God, a son who has received a great inheritance. How do we remind ourselves of our "sonship" in Christ?

#### PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer with one another for things drawn out of the discussion.