

**"BUT WHEN THE FULLNESS OF THE TIME WAS COME"
GALATIANS 4:1-4a**

I. THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A PERIOD OF TIME WHEN EVEN THE HEIR TO AN ESTATE MAY BE TEMPORARILY IN A POSITION OF BONDAGE (4:1-3)

A. Cultural Illustration Used From The First Century (4:1-2)

1. The State Of A Child: No Different From That Of A Slave (4:1)
2. The Verdict Of The Child's Father: He Arbitrarily, For His Own Good Purposes Sets A Date For His Son's Passing From Adolescence To Adulthood (4:2)

B. Spiritual Parallel Timeless In Its Application (4:3)

1. There Was A Time When Israel As A Nation Could Have Been Considered An Under Aged Minor
2. There Is A Sense In Which An Humanity, As An Adolescent, Is In Bondage To Preliminary Elements

II. THERE CAME A TIME IN HISTORY WHEN GOD INTERVENED (4:4a)

A. "The Fullness Of Time" Was The Culmination Of A Great Preparation

1. In The Religious Realm
2. In The Linguistic Realm
3. In The Geo - Political Realm

B. "The Fullness Of Time" Was Primarily The Time Of God's Determination

**"SIX ARGUMENTS FROM GALATIANS THREE & FOUR
DESIGNED TO UPHOLD THE FAITH PRINCIPLE IN
JUSTIFICATION AS OPPOSED TO ATTAINMENT BY THE
WORKS OF THE LAW"**

- I. THE PERSONAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 3:1-5)**
The Apostle Asks The Galatians Five Questions From Their Own Initial Personal Experience With The True Gospel Of Christ.

- II. THE OLD TESTAMENT ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 3:6-14)**
Paul Quotes No Less Than Six Key O.T. Passages In This Section From Four Different O.T. Books [3:6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 From Genesis (2) Leviticus (1) Deuteronomy (2) & Habbakuk (1)].

- III. THE LOGICAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 3:15-29)**
In This Section Paul Reasons With The Galatians On The Basis Of What A Covenant Is And How A Covenant Works.

- IV. THE HISTORICAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 4:1-11)**
Here, The Apostle Explains The Place Of The Law In The History Of Israel.

- V. THE SENTIMENTAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 4:12-18)**
At This Point, Paul's Love For His Converts Comes To The Surface. He Appeals To Them To Remember His Love And Their Happy Relationship At An Earlier Time.

- VI. THE ALLEGORICAL ARGUMENT (GALATIANS 4:19-31)**
Paul Returns To the Life Of Abraham, Only This Time As It Pertains To The Patriarchs Relationships To Sarah & Hagar.