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## Paul's View on Christmas

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### Galatians 4:3-7

#### I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. The context of this passage is the \_\_\_\_\_ of legalism. Legalism is the belief that we can earn God's grace by our righteous acts. It believes that we also keep God's grace by a strict observance of do's and don'ts.
- B. Before Christ we were slaves to our \_\_\_\_\_ nature. V.3
- C. The Christmas story was the culmination of dozens of \_\_\_\_\_ that had to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the coming of the Messiah. V. 4
- D. Even the Law abiding needed to be \_\_\_\_\_ through the Messiah. V.5
- E. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the proof of our adoption, not our strict observance of the Law. V.6-7

#### II. What can we learn from this?

- A. A \_\_\_\_\_ believer will not be constantly looking for the mistakes of others but instead will be loving them, as a part of their spiritual family, to imitate Jesus Christ in their actions.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ the prophecies and the fulfillment of them in Christ will be something that we need to learn as part of sharing the story of Christ with others.
- C. We need to replace religion with \_\_\_\_\_. Grace is the key to this.
- D. We need to learn \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Holy Spirit.