

**CHRISTMAS: A PURPOSE FULFILLED**  
**Christmas On Purpose – Advent 1**  
**December 2, 2007**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 11a (NKJV)** *“To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven... <sup>11</sup> He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time.”*

**Mark 1:15 (NIV)** *“‘The time has come,’ He said. ‘The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!’ ”*

**John 17:1 (NIV)** *“...He (Jesus) looked toward heaven and prayed: ‘Father, **the time has come**. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You.’ ”*

**Romans 5:6 (NIV)** *“You see, **at just the right time**, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”*

**Galatians 4:4a (CEV)** *“But **when the time was right**, God sent His Son, and a woman gave birth to Him...”*

**GOD’S CHRISTMAS TIMING...**

**1. UNIQUE CONDITIONS \_\_\_\_\_ THE WORLD**

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**2. DIVERSE PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ SPIRITUAL MEANING**

**Galatians 4:4b-5 (CEV)** *“...His Son obeyed the Law, <sup>5</sup> so He could set us free from the Law, and we could become God’s children.*

**Galatians 3:24 (NIV)** *“So **the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ** that we might be justified by faith.”*

**Romans 3:20 (NLT)** *“For no one can ever be made right in God’s sight by doing what His law commands. For **the more we know God’s law, the clearer it becomes that we aren’t obeying it.**”*

### 3. ANCIENT PROPHECIES WERE \_\_\_\_\_

• The \_\_\_\_\_ birth of Jesus. (Matthew 1:22-23)  
Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) *“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel.**”*

• The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (Luke 2:1-4)  
Micah 5:2 (NLT) *“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a **Ruler of Israel will come from you, One whose origins are from the distant past.**”*

### 4. FAITHFUL PEOPLE WERE \_\_\_\_\_

Zephaniah 3:13a (NIV) *“The **remnant of Israel will do no wrong; they will speak no lies, nor will deceit be found in their mouths.**”*

Luke 1:31 & 38 (NIV) Gabriel said, *“You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus...<sup>38</sup>‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ **Mary** answered. **‘May it be to me as you have said.’** Then the angel left her.”*

Matthew 1:24 (NIV) *“When **Joseph** woke up, **he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him** and took Mary home as his wife.”*

Luke 2:25, 27b-28 (NIV) *“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called **Simeon**, who was **righteous and devout**. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>27</sup> ...**Moved by the Spirit...**<sup>28</sup> Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God...”*

Luke 2:38 (NIV) *“**Coming up to them at that very moment, Anna** gave thanks to God and spoke about the Child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.”*

### HOW CAN YOU DO CHRISTMAS ON PURPOSE?

♦ \_\_\_\_\_ God’s timing and purpose during Advent.

\* Daily Advent Scripture Readings \*

♦ \_\_\_\_\_ to trust God’s work in your circumstances.

♦ \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of Jesus right now.