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## At the Right Time

[Galatians 4:4-7](#)

*<sup>4</sup> But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. <sup>6</sup> And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup> Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. (NLT)*

I enjoy watching college and professional football games. Passing plays often amaze me. The flight of the football, its elevation, and speed must coincide with the location of the intended receiver. If the timing of each of these elements is not right, the pass is either incomplete or intercepted.

God's timing, however, is always right – neither too early nor too late.

For example, we read in the book of Esther that she became queen at just the right time to save the Jewish people from destruction.

And, in Ecclesiastes we read "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Eccles. 3:1).

Paul writes that, at the right time, God sent Jesus. Many scholars emphasize the "rightness" of this historical time. This was the *Pax Romana*, a time of relative peace throughout the Roman Empire. Greek was becoming the common language. The Romans had developed a system of roads to tie their empire together.

Together, these made it easier to spread the gospel throughout the world.

We have more means at our disposal to spread the gospel than those available to the early Christians. Perhaps, today might be the right time for us. We enjoy many blessings to share with others from being children of God. We have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit working in our lives that others need to hear. We are God's children, heirs to His kingdom. Glory to God!

***Prayer:** O Lord, empower us to be your messengers to proclaim peace, to bring the Good News of your kingdom, and to share your love with others. May we understand that today is the right time. We ask this in the name of the One who is our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen*

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