

# Eternal Son

Sunday, December 2, 2018 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 1: **God Sends His Eternal Son**

Galatians 4:1-7

### We were **SLAVES**

Galatians 4:1-3

#### ***The way children were... (v. 1-2)***

slave = bondservant

#### ***The way we were... (v. 3)***

Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 2:13

but God sent Jesus to **FREE US**

Galatians 4:4-5a

***At the right time***

1 Timothy 2:6, 6:14-15; Romans 5:6, 8

***Jesus was sent***

John 1:1-18, 3:16; 6:29

***to become like us***

2 Corinthians 5:21a; John 1:14; Romans 8:3

***and make us like him.***

2 Corinthians 5:21b; Romans 8:29; John 8:36

and adopt us to be **FAMILY!**

Galatians 4:5b-7

***Truly and fully sons and daughters***

Ephesians 1:3-12; Romans 8:15

***True and full family privileges***

Romans 8:9-17; Isaiah 56:5

# 1:10 Community Group **Homework**

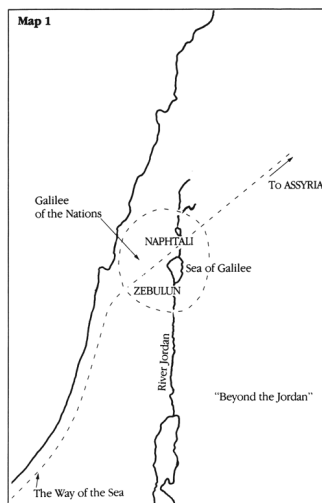
## Getting Started

1. What is your favorite Christmas memory/tradition/song? What was Christmas like for you as a child? What is it like now?
2. **Read Galatians 4:1-7.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## Digging Deeper

During this series, our study will follow the traditional season of Advent, and reflect on Jesus' first (and second) coming.

3. **Read Isaiah 9:1-7.** With the help of the map find the regions of Zebulun, Naphtali and Galilee and the road called "the Way of the Sea." This road marked the western limits of Palestine and the Jordan marked the eastern limits.
4. When Isaiah writes Chapter 9, he is writing during a time when Israel's king, Ahaz, has turned away from the sign God gave him... times are dark and the future bleak. But Isaiah writes about a future King (Jesus) who will make things right. Describe a time you have felt surrounded by darkness, and the future seemed bleak.
5. What changes does Isaiah predict when Jesus, the *light* of the world, comes? (**v. 2-5**)
6. To get an idea of the people's state of mind when Isaiah writes, go back and **Read Isaiah 8:19-22.**
7. How do you think the people reacted, then, when they heard Isaiah's predictions in **9:2-5**?
8. Isaiah continues to speak of this new ruler who is to come in **verses 6-7**. What is He like?
9. Take time to reflect on and discuss each name of Jesus in **v. 6**.



## Up Close

10. Which of the descriptions of Jesus in **Isaiah 9:6-7** — *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace* — best describes Jesus as you have known him during a time of difficulty and/or darkness?
11. Which description of him do you most long to experience right now?
12. **As you close and as we approach Christmas, consider the description of Jesus in Isaiah 9. Thank him for coming. Thank him that he'll come again and finish what he has begun. Look back through the outline from this past Sunday: "We were slaves but God sent Jesus to free us and adopt us to be family!" — Give thanks and praise to Jesus for the truth of that statement!**

Many of this week's questions (including the map above) are adapted from: Cindy Bunch, ed., *Advent of the Savior: 6 Studies for Individuals or Groups: With Notes for Leaders*, A LifeGuide Bible Study (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2009), 11-14.

Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.  
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

## Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel and Pastor Brad Cox.

## Personal Prayer Items

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## Word Find for Galatians 4:1-7 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

1 I **mean** that the **heir**, as **long** as he is a **child**, is no **different** from a **slave**, **though** he is the **owner** of **everything**, 2 but he is under **guardians** and **managers** until the **date** set by his **father**. 3 In the **same** way we **also**, **when** we were **children**, were **enslaved** to the **elementary principles** of the **world**. 4 **But when** the **fullness** of **time** had **come**, God **sent forth** his Son, **born** of **woman**, **born** under the law, 5 to **redeem** those who were under the law, so that we might **receive adoption** as sons. 6 And **because** you are sons, God has **sent** the **Spirit** of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! **Father!**" 7 So you are no longer a **slave**, but a son, and if a son, then an **heir** through God.

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