

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## *It's A Family Matter*

**Galatians 4:4**, But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

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*How long did the fullness of time take?*

- *What was it like for the Father and the Son?*

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*God's greatest purpose is to be known by us...*

- *It should be our greatest purpose too*

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**John 17:3**, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

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*God wants to be known for who He really is!*

- *Don't settle for only knowing about Him*
- *RE: My knowledge of President Harry Truman*

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*God wants us to know Him from our relationship with Him.*

- *How would He do that?*

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**John 1:1-2 & 14**, In the beginning (**Genesis 1:1**) was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 14:8-9**, Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

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**Colossians 2:9**, For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily

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**John 14:6 & 9**, Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me... He who has seen Me has seen the Father"

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**John 8:32 & 36**, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

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*They had talked about us from the very beginning*

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**Genesis 1:26-27**, Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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*After Adam & Eve had lived in uncorrupted relationship with God...*

- *They violated it, and were separated from God's perfection*
  - *That separation was passed on to everyone who would descend from them*
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What would God now do?

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God said to the deceiver who lured them into sin, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." (**Genesis 3:15**)

- "Her Seed" is referring to **the incarnation of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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*The Son came to restore sinful humanity to God's family*

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**John 1:12** tells us, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name"

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**Romans 8:15** reveals, "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'."

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**II Corinthians 6:18** confirms God's promise, "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

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*I suspect many Hebrew people believed Messiah would one day come. But they may have slipped into thinking it would happen in some distant future time. It had been so long.*

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*Quite possibly angels were anticipating the dramatic event; God, the Creator of humanity becoming human.*

- Gabriel had told Mary she would bring forth God's Promise
- Word may have spread among the angelic population

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*How long had the Father and the Son been waiting to bring Him forth?*

Whether you believe in a young earth, or one that's been around longer...

- The Father and the Son had been waiting since before the beginning

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**II Peter 3:9**, "The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

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**Galatians 4:4-7**, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

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*When He had completed His mission to provide our forgiveness and restoration to the Father,*

- He affirmed His purpose for us in prayer before He returned to heaven.

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**John 17:20-21**, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

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*Are we now actively waiting for Jesus to come again?*

*As Jesus ascended to heaven, we read in **Acts 1:10-11**, And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."*

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***John 14:1-3**, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwellings; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

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***Colossians 3:4**, When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

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***Titus 2:11-14**, For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus*

Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

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***James 5:7-8**, Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*

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***1 John 3:2**, Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

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***Jesus came so we could see God as He is...***

- See people **through His eyes...**
- And **love them as He does**

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***He came so we could be confident of the eternal future that awaits us...***

- **Planned for us since before time began**