

THE BIRTH OF HOPE

“When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his son....” (Galatians 4:4). At the time Jesus was born history tells us the world was in decline. The Caesars ruled the vast Roman Empire with an iron ruthless hand. Religions were idolatrous and morally corrupt. Superstition abounded. Cities were dens of vice. Poverty was commonplace while others thrived in luxury. One classical historian commented, “The world was growing old, and not even Caesar could make it young again.” It was a world without hope. Paul said of the Gentile world that they had “no hope” and were “without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12).

It was at such a time, “the fullness of time”, that Jesus was born. His birth was the birth of hope. The one born in Bethlehem was uniquely God’s virgin-born son, sent into a lost and hopeless world to redeem mankind. But it was not solely His coming that gave man hope. He came to die—to “give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). Those that receive Him are the recipients of hope, for “Jesus Christ...is our hope” (1 Timothy 1:1). Have you put your faith in Him, repenting of your sins, confessing Him, and being baptized? (Read Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 10:32; Acts 2:38).

Message Sunday a.m.: *“When the Fullness of Time Was Come”*