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“Christmas: God’s Perfect Time” 3rd in ‘Waiting for Christmas’ series

Galatians 4:4-5 *4But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children of God .*

The longest night of the year ~

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses
(Ecclesiastes 3:1).

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Chronos –

Christmas is time for ~

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The perfect sacrifice

How we are like a lost toy boat

... that we could receive adoption as children of God

You must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:7).

12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; 13who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:12-13).

We cry out, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our Spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:15–16).

Joanie’s story of two pictures ~

Praying together ~ Lord, I want to believe in You today more than any other time in my life. I humbly ask You to buy me back from my past - because no one else can. Thank you for the Cross. Now, please adopt me into Your living family, allow me to carry Your name, and live with You forever. I receive You and want to see You all the time – even during routine and mundane times. You are Lord of time, of all time, and I now make you Lord of all my time. Ready me now to live for You now, and for all time. In Your name I pray. Amen.