

THE BEST CHRISTMAS STORY EVER
According to Paul

The Time Had Fully Come

Galatians 4:1-4

The Full Rights of Sons

Galatians 4:5-7

Jesus Gave Up His Full Rights As God

Philippians 2:5-11

Securing Our Full Salvation

Romans 3:22-24

PERSONAL STUDY HOMEWORK

Week of December 29 – January 3

Getting Started

1. Stories expand over time as more and more information is available. What recent news story do you recall where the initial information available was limited, but with time the full story of what happened became clearer?

Getting Into God's Word

Read Galatians 4:1-7 and Philippians 2:5-11

1. What do we learn about God's plan of salvation from these verses? In Galatians, Paul uses the metaphor of "adoption" to portray our new status as children of God. How is the status of adopted sons and daughters more complete than redemption?

Read Romans 3:22-24

2. What does Paul tell us about man's universal need? What does Paul tell us about God's universal offer?

Applying It In My Life

1. Pastor Dave offered four responses to God's universal offer – *Admit* you have sinned; *Believe* Jesus is God and surrender your life to Him; *Confess* your choice to follow Jesus to others; and *Daily* seek to know God more. What is your next step in the New Year as you seek to respond to God's universal offer?

Growth Groups begin the new winter session the week of January 12-17, 2015 with new teaching series in *The Gospel of John*. If you are not currently in a *Growth Group*, don't miss the opportunity to *Grow Together* with your church family. You can sign up online. Go to www.southshores.org and click on banner. Or, you can fill out insert in bulletin and drop in offering. If you would like to start a new group contact Pastor Rob at rdeklotz@southshores.org.