

The life and purpose of Jesus is, in large part, summed up in Galatians 4:4-5

- Jesus was **made of a woman** and **made under the law**.
 - Made, not born.
 - The Greek γινομαι [ginomai] is “to be” or “to become.”
 - It is used in the same form in Luke 18:24.
 - It harmonizes perfectly with the previous statement that **God sent forth his Son**.
 - If the Son was **sent forth** then he was not **born of a woman** or **born under the law**, but *made to be of a woman and under the law*.
 - **Of a woman**...this was a Messianic criterion, based on Genesis 3:15.
 - **Under the law**...this is a reference to the Torah, or Mosaic Law.
 - This is as fundamentally important to our salvation as Jesus being made of a woman.
 - To imagine that Jesus was free from the law is to make things up!
 - There are those who make such argument because they believe that we are not under the law but that we should obey Jesus in every regard.
 - Without an obedience to the Law, Jesus would not have been the perfect sacrifice, the **Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world**.
 - This is fundamentally important to interpreting the commands of Jesus for our lives today.
 - Jesus taught a strict obedience to the law for all of his followers.
 - If we follow the example and commands of Jesus completely, we will be living as if we were under the law.
 - Jesus taught the way he taught because He was a man under the law teaching men and women who were also under the law.

- He came to **redeem them that were under the law** (v. 5)
 - Redeem is the Greek word ἐξαγοράζω [ekagorazo]. The *agora* is the market and *ek* is “out of,” so he came to purchase them “out of the market.”
 - The Torah was based on a compensation system.
 - If an animal was injured, it would be replaced with an animal of equal value.
 - If a tithe wasn’t paid, it would be paid later with a 20% interest.
 - The Levites were a replacement for the firstborn who were not killed at the Passover.
 - The sacrifices were to buy atonement for sins.
 - Jesus came as the ultimate payment for sins, the *propitiation*.
- His redemption provides the **adoption as sons** (v. 5).
 - No longer under the law, now mankind is able to have a full and free relationship with God.
 - Our sins have been fully *paid for* in Jesus Christ.

What is behind the works and words of Jesus?

- All of the miracles of Jesus were given as confirmation of his identity as the Jewish Messiah and promised redeemer. Isaiah 35:5-6
- All of the teachings of Jesus were to bring Israel to a point of acceptance of their Messiah, so that the Kingdom could be established - Luke 4:16-21

The life of Jesus was perfect, but not enough for salvation

- Jesus came to live a sinless life and die a sinner’s death.
- Both are essential to our salvation.

*Living He loved me,
 Dying He saved me
 Buried He carried
 My sins far away!
 Rising He justified
 Freely forever
 One day He’s coming,
 Oh glorious day!*