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IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

In Galatians 4:4-5 it says, ***“4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”*** The word fullness is the Greek Word pleroma (play'-ro-mah) which means complete as in a container that is completely filled up. Jesus did not come until the exact time that God had specified for Him to come, and when it was the right time, nothing could hold Him back.

When we think of fullness, we often think of it in terms like a container, or we ate too much, or the yard full of weeds. In this instance of scripture, it was more like a pregnancy. When the baby has met the “full term” then it is ready to be born. Often a child that is born premature will have multiple problems. In this day and age there are medical staff and hospitals equipped to handle most of those problems, but for centuries that was not the case. Often a premature baby didn't “make it”.

Another example might be a garden. You don't pick the fruit or vegetables until they are ready, because if you do, they won't be ripe, and perhaps bitter. We have so many things that come to us fast in the United States that waiting is not a character trait that many have. We want things right away. I can assure you that it is a bad trait.

So, it is in our lives. God has a plan for each of us, and it will unfold when God wants it to, just like it did for Jesus. If we try to “make it happen” before the “fullness of the plan” we may fail at the plan. We may cause God's plan to be “aborted” because we were in haste to see it come to pass. We must wait upon God or things may fail. His plan for you will mature like they did for Jesus, in the “fullness of time” so be patient and trust Him as you wait for it to come together. He is developing things in us as we wait. Patience is a virtue that has to be developed to become mature. Don't be impatient. Be trustful as you wait until “your” fullness of time.