



⁴ **But when the time had fully come**, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Galatians 4:4-5

¹ **In those days** Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. Luke 2:1-3

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”
Genesis 3:15

1. In the waiting, I can trust God’s _____.

They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” II Peter 3:4

⁸ **But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:** With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. II Peter 3:8-9

2. In the waiting, I can be confident God is at _____.

O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him. I am like a green pine tree; your fruitfulness comes from me.” Hosea 14:8

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” Micah 5:2

3. In the waiting, I can believe God will keep his _____.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.
Isaiah 7:4

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. Isaiah 11:1*

*“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son. Hosea 11:1*

*“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”
Romans 8:32*

Next Steps:

- Memorize Galatians 4:4.
- Study the following prophecies about Jesus: Isaiah 7:4, 9:6; Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 22:16-18; Isaiah 53:3-7
- Tell someone this week about the hope you have in Christ.
- Bring a friend for next Part 2 of “The Colors of Christmas: A Blue Christmas.”