

December 24

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that Jesus was born just in the nick of time to delay God's judgment of the earth? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who has already begun to live eternally? Do I live for eternal things or earthly things? Do I put Christ's interests and the interests of others before my own?

1 **God the Father sent His Son at the right time** — *Galatians 4:4* *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law....*

What do I learn about God's timing since He sent His Son at the right time?

How should I thank God for showing me mercy in the face of judgment?

2 **I am born from on high and will never perish, but my life will last forever** — *John 3:16* *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

What does God promise those who believe on Jesus as their Savior?

Why does the devil want me to think of my salvation as a future reality only?

3 **I am to subordinate my interests to benefit others now** — *1 John 3:16* *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

Besides dying, in what ways could a person lay down his life for another?

In what ways do I put the interests of others first?

Spirit of Wisdom, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Revelation 15

Evening: Habbakuk 1, 2, 3