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4. Observe carefully how Jesus Christ sanctifies. What do you notice?

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. (Gal 4:4-7, LSB)

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5. Fill out the Chart and list what you learned about Jesus Christ.

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Teacher Notes

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Teach the student that Jews referred to the Old Testament either as a two fold division (Law and the Prophets) or three fold division (Law, Prophets, and the Writings); the two fold reference was common.

Ask the student: what did Jesus come to fulfill? What was the purpose of the Law? How did Jesus fulfill the Law?

Jesus came to fulfill the Mosaic Law. The Law taught what sin was, how to atone for it, and how to live in a holy manner. Jesus taught what sin was and how to live in a holy manner, and Jesus' substitutionary death was made to atone for all the sins of mankind once and for all.

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Remind the student that the tabernacle was a place of worship, and in Exodus was temporary and mobile. The tabernacle was divided into two holy places: the outer Holy Place and the inner sacred Holy of Holies.

Only the high priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year to atone for the sins of the nation of Israel by sprinkling the blood of a sacrificed animal on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant.

Ask the student: do you see the comparisons between the passage and Jesus?

Jesus Christ was the high priest who interceded for human beings before God. Jesus Christ provided the unblemished sin offering with His own blood.

In satisfying the judgment wrath of God, Jesus became the means that enables people to be recipients of the New Covenant.

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Ask the student: what is the apostle Paul referring to when speaking of wash, sanctify, and justify? What qualities of the righteous inherits the kingdom of God?

Wash refers to a cleansing of sin.

Sanctify refers to being made holy and set apart for God.

Justify is a legal term that refers to being acquitted of guilt. The suspect has been proven right, Jesus paid his price of sin, and is innocent of the charges.

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Ask the student: what does Jesus do that affects a Believer's relationship with God?

Enables the Believer to be adopted by God and become a son.

Through the New Covenant, God sends the Holy Spirit who regenerates the Believer and changes his origin of birth and establishes a natural relationship with God. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is God's guarantee of the Believer's inheritance.

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Ask the student: what does Jesus reveal about the indwelling Spirit? Circle your observations!

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