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2) The birth of Christ was timely. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (*Gal. 4:4*). At just the right time, the One who personified God's saving grace, appeared to all men (*Tit. 2:11; John 1:17*). His birth perfectly harmonized with Daniel's 70 week prophecy (*Daniel 9:24-27*), allowing for His death to take place after the 69th week as prophesied (*Dan. 9:26*). The timing of His birth and His entrance into this world changed our calendars forever.

3) The birth of Christ was purposeful. The reason for His coming into this world is unmistakable: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (*1 Tim. 1:15*). "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved" (*John 3:17*). "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness" (*John 12:46*). "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (*John 10:10*). **Has this purpose been fulfilled in your life?**

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