

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Luke 1:31, 34-35

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When the Angel Gabriel told Mary about giving birth to a Son without a man she asked “how can this be?” He then introduced her to the Christmas Spirit to show her how all of this was going to take place.

1. PERSONALITY OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT – v. 35a

The Holy Spirit, the 3rd person of the Trinity is the Christmas Spirit. The Holy Spirit’s role can be seen leading up to the birth of Christ.

John the Baptist, His mother Elizabeth and His father Zacharias were filled with the Holy Spirit. *Luke 1:15, 41, 67*. **Simeon** had been told by the Holy Spirit that he wouldn’t die until he saw the Messiah. *Luke 2:25-26* **The prophets of old** were told by the Spirit of God that the Messiah would be born. *1 Peter 1:10-11*

2. PRESENCE & POWER OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT v. 35b

a) *The Spirit’s Presence.* The phrase “come upon” is the same phrase used in Genesis 1:1-2 when God created the heavens and the earth.

The Holy Spirit would descend upon her sanctifying her body for the creative act of placing within her the embryo of a Baby boy.

b) *The Spirit’s Power.* The O.T. speaks of God’s presence and power being as a shining cloud or a vapor-like, covering concealing whatever it touched. *Mt. Sinai –Exodus 19:17; The Tabernacle Exodus 40:34-35*

God still works through His presence and the power of His Spirit.

John 14:16-17; Zechariah 4:6; 1 Corinthians 2:4

3. THE PROGENY OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT – v. 35c

a) *The Nature of The Progeny* –This Child would be God, who alone is Holy. Jesus couldn’t be born with the help of a man because it is through the male sperm (seed) the sinful nature is produced and passed on from person to person. *Galatians 4:4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:21*

b) *The Name of the Progeny* – He would prove to be the Son of God by what they would call Him. His very nature, life, teachings, miracles, love, and His resurrection would earn Him the title. *Luke 4:40-41*