



Merry Christmas

GOD'S DOUBLE GIFT

by Scott Thibodeaux



LUKE 1

14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.



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34 “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel,
“since I am a virgin?”

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will
come on you, and the power of the Most High
will overshadow you. So the holy one to be
born will be called the Son of God.



LUKE 1

41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"



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67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.



LUKE 2

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.



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“Abba, Father.”





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**GOD NOT ONLY WANTS TO
GIVE YOU A GIFT
HE WANTS YOU TO USE IT**





**GOD'S FIRST GIFT:
UNMERITED GRACE
THROUGH HIS SON**



**GOD GIVES THIS GIFT
SO THAT YOUR PAST SINS
WILL NOT HINDER YOUR
FUTURE WORK IN THE
KINGDOM**



**GOD'S GRACE IS NOT JUST
YOUR TICKET TO HEAVEN.
IT'S AN INVESTMENT IN
YOU.**



YOU PUT GOD'S GIFT OF
GRACE TO GOOD USE
WHEN YOU LIVE A LIFE OF
CELEBRATION THROUGH
JOY.

1 CORINTHIANS 12

3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and **no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.**





**THE GIFT OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT...**

**THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP TO
ALL ADOPTED INTO GOD'S
FAMILY THROUGH CHRIST**



ROMANS 8

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit
that we are God's children.



JOHN WITVLIET

“Sometimes, this mysterious inner working of the Holy Spirit lifts our drooping spirits, interceding “for us through wordless groans” (Rom. 8:26). Sometimes this mysterious inner working does some breaking down before they building up, scattering “those who are proud in their inmost thoughts” (Luke 1:51). In and through it all, God’s Spirit is at work healing our fragile and tender souls.”





THE SPIRIT PREPARED THE
WAY FOR JESUS
AND IS PREPARING FOR US A
WAY TO COME TO JESUS.

ROMANS 5

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



A Christmas Prayer:

Lord God, this Christmas, send your Holy Spirit to give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Help the eyes of our understanding to be enlightened, that we may know the hope of his calling, the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.





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