



# The Gift



**Luke 1: 26** In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

**Luke 1:** 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

**Luke 1: 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 [b] the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.

**Luke 1: 37** For no word from God will ever fail.”

38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered.

“May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



**Luke 1: 35** The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.





**James 1: 13** When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it **gives birth to sin**; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

**James 1: 16** Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. **17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **18** He chose to **give us birth through the word of truth**, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**John 3: 5** Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.



# A Suitable Womb for the Holy Spirit?

# A Suitable Womb for the Holy Spirit?

- ~~Path-Evil one lies and snatches the seed away.~~

# A Suitable Womb for the Holy Spirit?

- ~~Path-Evil one lies and snatches the seed away.~~
- ~~Rocks-shallow roots (trouble/persecution)~~



# A Suitable Womb for the Holy Spirit?

- ~~Path-Evil one lies and snatches the seed away.~~
- ~~Rocks=shallow roots (trouble/persecution)~~
- ~~Thorns (worries of life/deceit of wealth)~~

# A Suitable Womb for the Holy Spirit?

- **Good soil** – – doesn't believe Satan's lies, is not easily swayed by troubles of the world, isn't overly concerned about wealth and worldliness.



**John 16: 8** When he comes, he will prove the world to be **in the wrong about sin** and righteousness and judgment: **9** about sin, because people do not believe in me...



**John 14: 6** Jesus answered, “I am the way and **the truth** and the life.



**2 Corinthians 5:** We know that when the tent which houses us here on earth is torn down, we have a permanent building from God, a building not made by human hands, to house us in heaven. 2 For in this tent, our earthly body, we groan with desire to have around us the home from heaven that will be ours. 3 With this around us we will not be found naked.



**2 Corinthians 5: 4** Yes, while we are in this body, we groan with the sense of being oppressed: **it is not so much that we want to take something off, but rather to put something on over it;** so that what must die may be swallowed up by the Life. (CJB)



# Life in the Holy Spirit?

- Continues to convict of sin

# Life in the Holy Spirit?

- Continues to convict of sin
- Produces fruit (Gal. 5:22ff)

# Life in the Holy Spirit?

- Continues to convict of sin
- Produces fruit (Gal. 5:22ff)
- Shows how to identify and pursue Godly wisdom (James 1)

# Life in the Holy Spirit?

- Continues to convict of sin
- Produces fruit (Gal. 5:22ff)
- Shows how to identify and pursue Godly wisdom (James 1)
- Gives you Spiritual gifts

# Life in the Holy Spirit?

- Continues to convict of sin
- Produces fruit (Gal. 5:22ff)
- Shows how to identify and pursue Godly wisdom (James 1)
- Gives you Spiritual gifts
- Gives voice (boldness) to your testimony

# Life in the Holy Spirit?

- Eternity is planted in your soul  
(Ephesians 1:13)



# Life in the Holy Spirit?

- Eternity planted in your soul  
(Ephesians 1:13)
- Spiritual Armor (Ephesians 6)



If you haven't received the gift of  
the Holy Spirit, do you want it?

If you haven't received the gift of  
the Holy Spirit, do you want it?

If you have received the gift of the  
Holy Spirit, are you using it?





# The Gift