**The Christmas Spirit**

The Holy Spirit became more openly active when God sent His Son into the world. As we look at the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus, we get some idea of what He does in and for us.

**The Holy Spirit –**

**1. Prepared others for the birth of Christ**

Luke 1:15 – *John the Baptist*

Luke 1:41-45 – *Elizabeth*

Luke 1:67-68 – *Zacharias*

Luke 2:25-28 – *Simeon*

**2. Fashioned a human embryo for the Son of God**

Luke 1:35

A. His human *“stuff”* was all from Mary

B. The Holy Spirit *preserved* His humanity from sin

C. The Son of God *joined* Himself to that embryo

**3. Empowered Jesus throughout His ministry**

A. The Spirit *anointed* Him

Luke 3:21-22

B. The Spirit *sustained* Him in temptation

Luke 4:1-2

C. The Spirit worked *miracles* through Him

Luke 4:14-21; Acts 10:38

D. The Spirit guided His *utterances*

Luke 10:21; Acts 1:1-2

**4. Is given through Christ to us**

A. *Initially* (Luke 3:16)

B. *Increasingly* (Luke 11:9-13; 12:11-12)

**Application**

A. The *indispensability* of the Holy Spirit

B. The *availability* of the Holy Spirit

C. The *sovereignty* of the Holy Spirit

**For additional study or family discussion**

As someone noted in our men’s study this past week, it seems easier to relate to the Father and the Son than it does to the Holy Spirit. We have some idea of fathers and sons, but no firm concept of a spirit. A generic definition of “spirit” does not help us much.

When we meet a stranger, we may ask about his occupation. If he says he is a carpenter, we know he builds things like houses. If he says he is an electrician, we know he installs wiring, light fixtures, and circuit breakers.

In order to relate better to the Holy Spirit, think of meeting Him as a stranger and asking Him what He does. He might tell you what He did in the life of Jesus. Then He might say, “I can do similar things—not the same things—for you.”

What are some other things the Spirit does for believers (Romans 8:9-17 and 26-27; Galatians 5:16-23)?

If you had a carpentry job that needed to be done, you might call a carpenter. If you had an electrical problem at your house, you might call an electrician.

Do you call on the Holy Spirit for the things the Father and Son have sent Him to do?