

MESSAGE NOTES

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The Spirit Of Christmas: John The Baptist
Luke 1:15
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- The Holy Spirit helps people _____ Jesus. Luke 1:15,35,41,67; 2:25-27

"...and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born." Luke 1:15

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH JOHN THE BAPTIST

- The _____ of the Lord foretells 5 "_____" about John.

① He will be a _____ & delight to his parents, many will _____.

② He will be _____ in the _____ of the _____. Matthew 11:11; Luke 7:28

③ He will be filled w/the Holy Spirit while _____ in the _____. Luke 1:41

④ He will [like Elijah] turn _____, bring _____ many to the Lord.

⑤ He will make ready a _____ for the Lord. Matt 3:1-15

■ To prepare, John _____ everyone to _____. Luke 3:7-18

■ He _____ Jesus as _____ of God. John 1:29-36; Rev 5:12

■ He says One's _____ who'll _____ w/the Holy Spirit.

"I baptize you with water. But One who is more powerful than I will come,
the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

■ He's _____, _____-equal w/God & the _____ of God Himself.

■ Jesus _____ Him as a _____ to all His followers. John 14:16-17,26

■ Have I _____ in Jesus who _____ His Holy Spirit? Eph 1:13-14

■ If so, am I _____ to _____ the Holy Spirit? Gal 5:25

The Holy Spirit

Who is He? How does He work? Here are just some of the Bible's answers.

The Holy Spirit is a person, not an "it."

He **speaks** (Acts 13:2; Revelation 2:7).

He **intercedes & prays** (Romans 8:26).

He **testifies & brings glory** to Jesus (John 15:26; 16:14-15).

He **leads** (Acts 8:29; Romans 8:14).

He **commands** (Acts 16:6-7).

He **guides** (John 16:7-13).

He **appoints** (Acts 20:28).

He **encourages** believers (Acts 9:31).

He **fills** believers (Acts 4:8, 31; Ephesians 5:18).

He **brings unity & God's love** among believers (Romans 5:5; Ephesians 4:1).

He **can be lied to** (Acts 5:3-4).

He **can be blasphemed** (Matthew 12:31-32).

He **can be resisted** (Acts 7:51).

He **can be grieved** (Ephesians 4:30).

He **can be insulted** (Hebrews 10:29).

He **can be quenched** (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with God and is God (Matthew 28:19).

He is **eternal** (Hebrews 9:14).

He is **involved in Creation** (Genesis 1:2; cf. 1:26—God is plural "us").

He is **everywhere present** (Psalm 139:7).

He is **all-knowing** (1 Corinthians 2:10-11).

He is the **author of the Bible** (Acts 1:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21).

He is **called God & the Lord** (Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

He is the **3rd person of the Trinity or Godhead** (2 Corinthians 13:14).

The Holy Spirit was deeply involved in Jesus' earthly ministry.

Jesus' conception as a human being was by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35).

Jesus' baptism was visited by the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22).

Jesus' ministry was accredited by the Holy Spirit (John 1:32-33).

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1).

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18).

Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:22-28).

Jesus offered Himself as an atonement for sin by the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 9:14).

Jesus was raised to life by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11).

Jesus promised, with His Father, to send the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).

Jesus came to baptize people with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8).

Jesus said we must be born again of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-8).