



The Spirit of Christmas *Advent*

Matthew 1:18-23: This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

The Spirit of Christmas begins with the _____ of Christmas.

Start with A: _____cept the Christmas _____.

Galatians 3:2,3,5(NCV): "Tell me this one thing: How did you receive the Holy Spirit? Did you receive the Spirit by following the law? No, you received the Spirit because you heard the Good News and believed it."³ You began your life in Christ by the Spirit...⁵ Does God give you the Spirit and work miracles among you because you follow the law? No, he does these things because you heard the Good News and believed it."

1 Corinthians 3:10,11(CEV): "...we must each be careful how we build,¹¹ because Christ is the only foundation."

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV)
translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*