God With Us Week Two: The "Spirit" of Christmas

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"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰..."Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:18, 20-21 (NLT)

1. Flesh.

A. _____ of Flesh.

B. _____ of Flesh.

2. Spirit.

A. The _____ Spirit.

"For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit."

Ephesians 2:18 (NIV)

B. Our _____ Spirit.

"For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."

Romans 8:16 (NLT)

3. An _____ Contest.

"The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions."

Galatians 5:17 (NLT)

4. The ______ of the Spirit.

"So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves."

Galatians 5:16 (NLT)

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

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5. The ______ of the Spiritual Kingdom.

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned...⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NIV)

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