



**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds  
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## *The Christmas Spirit*

Introduction It is Christmas time! I want to share spiritual lessons we can learn through the Christmas season. I want us to see how everything connects to the gospel story. Each of us have opportunities to talk about Christ during this season and God has given us many visual reminders of His saving work. Jesus did a marvelous job teaching object lessons in His ministry. Today we will discuss Christmas spirit (**Luke 2:22-40**). Let's study together...

Discussion:

### ***I. The Spirit of Jesus the Christ***

- Jesus delivers us from the fear of death (**Hebrews 2:14-15**).
- Jesus delivers us from fury of judgment (**Hebrews 2:16-17**).
- Jesus delivers us from the force of temptation (**Hebrews 2:18**).
- Jesus delivers us from the finality of life (**John 10:10**).

### ***II. The Spirit of Mary & Joseph***

- Their situation shows humility (**Matthew 1:18-25**).
- The song of Mary shows humility (**Luke 1:46-56**).
- Their Son shows humility (**Matthew 20:28**).
- Their spirituality shows humility (**Luke 2:22-40**).

### ***III. The Spirit of Simeon & Anna***

- They were righteous (**Proverbs 21:21**).
- They were religious (**Micah 6:8**).
- They were ready (**Isaiah 53:1-12**).
- They were redeemed (**Psalms 111:9**).

Conclusion: We celebrate Christmas by telling others about Jesus. We celebrate Christmas by reflecting on a wonderful story with depth and meaning. Jesus came as a frail innocent child into a harsh world of sin. The Bible tells us that everyone who heard about the birth of Christ marveled and Mary pondered these things in her heart. How should we respond to the Christmas story? What can we learn from Christmas spirit? Are you giving a message of hope to others? Have you received salvation? Will you share the spirit of Jesus?