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PART 8: **DEDICATION OF JESUS**

Luke 2:21-38

MARY & JOSEPH'S AFFECT ON JESUS

A parent's obedience to God will affect their children's **OBEDIENCE**.

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Luke tells us that when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to dedicate him to the Lord, they met a man named Simeon and "the Holy Spirit was upon him." So who is the Holy Spirit? What does He do? And what should my response to Him be?

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christlike living and service.

- Article 6, EFCA Statement of Faith

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- 1. He is a **PERSON**.
- 2. He is **GOD**.
- 3. He is **DISTINCT** from the Father and the Son.

WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

There may be more that could be said (or said in different ways), but following are seven ways in which the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

He <u>CONVICTS</u>.

John 16:7-11

He <u>CONVERTS</u>.

John 3:6-7; 6:63; Titus 3:5

3. He **APPLIES**.

Romans 8:9-15; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 4:6

4. He **GLORIFIES**.

John 16:13-15

5. He **SANCTIFIES**.

1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2; Galatians 5:22-23

6. He **EQUIPS**.

Ephesians 5:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

7. He **PROMISES**.

Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:16-17

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer.

Use this as a guide, you don't have to answer every question in your group.

Read 1 Samuel 1:1-8.

 Describe the scene here. What's going on? Who are the people involved and what do we learn about them?

Read 1 Samuel 1:9-11.

- 2. Why is Hannah sad? Is "sad" even the right description?
- 3. Is Hannah's distress because of her own actions or is it out of her control?
- 4. What does Hannah do with her distress?
- 5. Have you ever prayed a prayer like Hannah's? A prayer of distress? Was your distress your own doing or someone else's? Did you make a sort of bargain with God like Hannah did?

Read 1 Samuel 1:12-14.

6. Why did Eli respond the way he did to Hannah?

Read 1 Samuel 1:15-18 for the rest of their exchange.

7. After Hannah had corrected him, what did Eli say? What affect did his words have on Hannah?

Read 1 Samuel 1:19-28.

- 8. How did God answer Hannah's prayer?
- 9. How did Elkanah & Hannah respond?

Read Luke 2:21-24.

10. Compare Joseph & Mary's dedication of Jesus and Elkanah & Hannah's dedication of Samuel. What similarities do you see?

Read Luke 2:25-38.

- 11. What affect did Simeon and Anna's words have on Joseph & Mary?
- 12. Based on our study this Sunday, where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in each of these stories? How is He at work in your life?

6:7 Jamilyquestions Two Women, Two Gifts

Read Luke 2:22-24; After giving birth to Jesus, Mary went to the temple to offer a sacrifice. She was supposed to do this 40 days after Jesus was born.

Read Leviticus 12:8; Because Mary was young and poor, she could only afford to give two small birds. She gave what she could, and God was honored by her gift.

 Even though you're young and probably don't have much money of your own, what are some ways you can give to God?

Read Luke 2:36-38; Anna was very different from Mary. Mary was a young wife and mother, but Anna was old and hadn't had a family for a long time. She spend most of her time at the temple worshiping, fasting, and praying. She had a lot of time to give, and she gave it to God.

How can you and your family serve God with your time (at home...at church...
in the community)?

Pray together as a family. Thank God for the gifts he's given all of you, and ask him to show you ways they can be used to serve him.

These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, or whoever you find your family together with a few moments to spare.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

NOTE: Due to the sensative nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com