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"WE HEAR THEM DECLARING
THE WONDERS OF GOD
IN OUR OWN TONGUES!"

ACTS 2:4

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. God

ISAIAH 64:1-2 (NIV)

¹ *Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!*

PSALM 80:14 (NLT)

Come back, we beg you, O God of Heaven's Armies.
Look down from heaven and **see our plight**.
Take care of this grapevine...

LUKE 3:21-22 (NLT)

²¹ One day...Jesus himself was baptized.
As he was praying, the heavens opened,
²² **and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form,**
descended on him like a dove.
And a **voice from heaven** said,
"You are my dearly loved Son,
and you bring me great joy."

ACTS 2 (TNIV)

¹ **When the day of Pentecost came,**
they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly
a sound like the blowing of a violent wind **came from heaven**
and **filled the whole house** where they were sitting.
³ They saw **what seemed to be tongues of fire**
that separated and **came to rest on each of them.**
⁴ **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit**
and began to speak IN OTHER LANGUAGES
as the Spirit enabled them.

2. God's Word

EPHESIANS 6:17 (NIV)

Take the helmet of salvation and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

EZEKIEL 2:1-3:3 (NLT)

¹ "Stand up, son of man," said the voice. "I want to speak with you."
² **The Spirit came into me as he spoke,** and he set me on my feet. **I listened carefully to his words.** ³ "Son of man," he said, "I am sending you to the nation of Israel, **a rebellious nation** that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. ⁴ **They are a stubborn and hard-hearted people.** But I am sending you to say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says!'

⁷ You must give them my messages whether they listen or not. **But they won't listen,** for they are completely rebellious! ⁸ Son of man, **listen to what I say to you.** Do not join them in their rebellion. **Open your mouth, and eat what I give you."**

⁹ Then I looked and saw a hand reaching out to me. It held a scroll, ¹⁰ which he unrolled.

³¹ The voice said to me, "Son of man, **eat what I am giving you — eat this scroll!** Then go and give its message to the people of Israel."

² **So I opened my mouth, and he fed me the scroll.**

³ **"Fill your stomach with this,"** he said.

And when I ate it, it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

COLOSSIANS 3:16 (NIV & NLT)

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

3. God's purity

EZEKIEL 36:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ "...I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. **Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols.**
²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and **I will put a new spirit in you.** I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. ²⁷ **And I will put my Spirit in you** so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

[MSG: "I'll put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by my commands."]]

LUKE 3:16 (NLT)

John [said], **"I baptize you with water;** but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am... **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**

"As God uses his Word to quicken consciences, the perverseness, ugliness, uncleanness, and guilt of sin are seen and felt with new clarity, and the depth of each person's own sinfulness is realized as never before. Believers are deeply humbled; unbelievers are made to feel that living as they do with sin and without God is intolerable, and the forgiveness of sins becomes the most precious truth in the creed."

J.I. PACKER, *Keep in Step with the Spirit* (1984), 194-195.

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (NLT)

²² ...**the Holy Spirit** produces this kind of **fruit** in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

4. God's people

ACTS 2:4, 11 (TNIV)

⁴ **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak IN OTHER LANGUAGES as the Spirit enabled them.**

⁵ [and the visitors from every nation under heaven said,]

¹¹ **"we hear them DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD IN LANGUAGE WE CAN UNDERSTAND!"**

ROMANS 8:11 (MSG)

¹¹ It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, **bringing you alive to himself?** When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. **With his Spirit living in you,** your body will be as alive as Christ's!

ROMANS 6:11 (NLTse)

...you...**should consider yourselves to be** dead to the power of sin and **ALIVE TO GOD through Christ Jesus.**

5. Outsiders

(ACTS 2:41, 47)

1 CORINTHIANS 14:24-25 (NLT)

²⁴ ...if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. ²⁵ As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and **they will fall to their knees and worship God,** declaring, **"God is truly here among you."**