## **EMPTY**



Waiting to Be Filled

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So you got rid of the demon.

You repented of that sin.

You gave up that grudge.

You even gave Lazarus a sandwich as he begged at your gate.

Your spirit is now clear of all the garbage.

It's clean....but empty.

It won't be empty for long.

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest; and finding none he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

And when he comes he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

Luke 11:24-26

An empty house attracts squatters.

An empty spirit attracts darkness.

Once the demon is gone, the sin forgiven, the space once occupied by darkness must quickly be filled with light.

The same Spirit of the Lord that drove out the demon, that brought you to repentance, must now be given the throne within your spirit.

We're not talking about the "gifts"---tongues, prophecy, miracles, etc.

All those things can be counterfeited.

We're talking about the Spirit filling us with the love of God, as only he can.



Seeing with his love

## A love which the evil one can never counterfeit.

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

## Romans 5

The Holy Spirit can "pour God's love into our hearts" only when he is on the throne.

When the Spirit is on the throne of our hearts...

He convicts us when we deceive, exaggerate, or belittle our neighbor.

He nudges us, when we pass by Lazarus at our gate.

He sets off an alarm when that old grudge comes knocking at our door.

He encourages us, when we reach out with a helping hand.

He pours heaven's fire into us when we walk in love.

So we open our heart to the Spirit daily as we approach our Father's throne.

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

Lord, let me walk in the Spirit today...

- ...think in the Spirit, hear, see, work in the Spirit.
- ...connect with people in the Spirit.
- ...end the day in the Spirit.



Walking with God

The Father never fails to answer our prayer for the Spirit to rule and guide our lives.

Prayer-Lord, rescue us from the darkness that waits to fill our empty hearts. We lay our empty hearts before you, fill them with your Spirit. Yes Lord, helps us to walk in your Spirit each day.... think, hear, work, and connect in your Spirit. We cannot do this without you. How we need your love to keep walking in your light. Help us to place you on the throne of our hearts... so your love can reign, so your light dispels the darkness, and so we will never be empty again. MM

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