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"Fill 'er up, please!" That's what my dad used to say when we drove into a gas station in the "old days" ... attendants always ran out to your car as you drove in – and in a "full-service" filling station, they washed your windshield and checked your oil and the air in your tires too. When I was very small, I remember asking what would happen if the gas tank were dry? No gas? NO GO!!!



It strikes me that it is somewhat the same with humans and the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit, we are simply a collection of "dry bones" as Ezekiel put it... WITH the Spirit – everything changes... we think and feel and act differently because we have said "yes" to being filled up with the LOVE Jesus described – NOT the things with which our culture wants to fill us up: power, success, prestige, thirst for "things" and more...

No Spirit ? NO SOUL ... NO GO.



"GOD is like an UNDERGROUND RIVER that no one can dam up or stop."

Thus spoke the Medieval mystic, Meister Eckhart (1260 - 1329). Don't you just LOVE that image??? God is the ultimate "full-service" filling station, deep within – an underground river that runs right through each of us. If we sink our roots deeply, we will constantly be connected to our SOURCE, with NEVER an empty "tank" ... no chance of drought or "dry bones..." RESULT??? – we are always filled up – totally "juicy!!" and positively SATURATED with the Holy Spirit.

On this Sunday, our choir will sing a marvelous anthem:  
FILL-A-ME-UP!! Tune in this Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. to hear ...

"Fill-a-me-up with the Holy Spirit, Fill-a-me-up to the top of my soul  
Fill-a-me-up with the Holy Spirit, Fill-a-me-up and take control!

So many things try to fill me up, so many things try to weigh me down  
Fill-a-my heart now, until you stay and chase the other things away.

Now my heart is an open door, here your Spirit is welcome, Lord  
Fill-a-my-heart and let it grow and change my life so all will know!"

AMEN!!!