

*The Adopted Life*

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## **A Pentecost Sign**

The scriptures note that there are certain signs (indicators pointing to Jesus) that would follow those who believe the Good News (Mark 16:17). We see these signs taking place especially at, and following, Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2:4, 17, 5:14-16)

Because it's true that, in Jesus, the Spirit has been shared with the fullness of humanity, and all of our humanity, I clearly see another sign that necessarily follows believers in the gospel (the gospel which is God the Father, Son and Spirit, himself!) This sign can be seen and felt in Moses' heartfelt response recorded in Numbers 11:24-30. Here, the Spirit came upon a limited amount of leaders in the presence of Moses. Apparently, the Spirit even came upon a couple of men who weren't with Moses and the others. In response to the young man who was a "tattle-tale" regarding the two who were not with the others and wanted them to stop prophesying, Moses responds: "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD'S people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!" (Num. 11:29.)

This sign can be seen even more clearly in the words of Jesus, himself: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'From his inner-most being will flow rivers of living water.' " By this he meant the Spirit..." (John 7:38-39a)

Do you see the sign??? When you have embraced the Spirit of Inclusion you want everyone Included and this will flow from your innermost being as "living water" and out towards others (in word and deed!) And because of Who Jesus is, you will see just what the Spirit and you expect to see because, in Jesus, the Holy Spirit has actually been poured out upon all! To not be this way is, as with the young man in the story of Moses, some indicator, however small, of your not having received the Spirit . . . hmmm.

Why not participate with the Spirit in helping people see this truth? Since you have embraced the Spirit of Jesus and His Father, surely you must want to?! Ha-Ha!

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