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24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

25 Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

27 These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

28 When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

30 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,

32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord!

Your Life Depends Upon the Spirit

- “When you send forth your Spirit, they are created”
- The Holy Spirit creates
 - “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:1-2).
 - “then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature” (Genesis 2:7).
 - How should we understand how the Holy Spirit creates?
 - God is Triune: 1 divine essence/being; 3 distinct persons.
 - Inseparable Operations: The external works of the Trinity are indivisibly one, just as God is one.
 - Appropriation: Scripture sometimes attributes to only one divine person a perfection, action, or name common to all three.
 - “In their creation, consider for me the initial cause of their existence (the Father), the Maker (the Son), and the Perfector (the Spirit)” (St. Basil the Great, *On the Holy Spirit*, 16:38).
 - “All things originate simultaneously from the Father through the Son in the Spirit” (Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, 2:423).
- Pentecost reminds us of our dependence upon God.
 - We cannot create ourselves.

Your New Life Depends Upon the Spirit

- “and you renew the face of the ground”
- The Holy Spirit regenerates
 - 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:3-8).
 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory (Ephesians 3:3-14).
 - How should we understand how the Holy Spirit regenerates?
 - Regeneration is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit of granting spiritual life to dead sinners (Matthew Barrett).
 - Inseparable Operations & Appropriation
 - “All things in the creation, and in the redemption, or re-creation, come from the Father, through the Son and the Spirit. And in the Spirit and through the Son they are come back to Him. It is to the Father that we are particularly indebted, therefore, for His electing love, to the Son for His redeeming grace, and to the Spirit for his regenerative and renewing power” (Herman Bavinck, *The Wonderful Works of God*, 141).
 - Pentecost reminds us of our dependence upon God.
 - We cannot save ourselves.

Pentecost reminds us of our dependence upon the Holy Spirit for both life and new life.