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**"Spirituality by Grace" - James 4:6**

**7 POINTS OF GRACE:**

GOD'S PROVISIONS ARE AMPLE

GOD SUFFERS NO INFLATION

GOD EXCLUDES NO ONE

GOD'S ROYALTY WARDROBE IS EXTRAVAGANT

LIFE CAN BE PRODUCTIVE

GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

PERCEPTION, SELF DISCIPLINE & DETERMINATION ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL

**SPIRITUALITY BY GRACE**

- Christianity is vague in the minds of many unbelievers.
- Spirituality is vague in the minds of too many believers.
- Spirituality is open to ALL believers, just as salvation is open to ALL unbelievers.
- Christianity is a relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Spirituality is a relationship with God through the Holy Spirit.
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Indwelling Holy Spirit are NOT synonymous with spirituality.
- The DRY baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time, once-and-for-all, transaction.
- The Indwelling Holy Spirit is God the Holy Spirit coming to make His residence inside the believer at salvation (1 Cor. 6:19, Gal. 3:2)
- Spirituality is commanded in the NT (Eph. 5:18). Don't get your stimulus from wine... Get your stimulus from the control of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Gal. 5:16 - Live your whole life in the Spirit - in harmony with the Lord Jesus Christ - An impossible command, yet we must understand that we are to restore our fellowship with God each and every time we find ourselves out of it!
- Spirituality is an absolute condition - never a matter of degrees - you are either filled with the Holy Spirit, or you are not. If someone is a baby believer, he can be filled, or not filled with the Holy Spirit, or spiritual (1 Cor. 3:1-3); the same is true for adolescent and mature believers.
- Churches look for better methods... But God is looking for better men, women, boys and girls! He has trusted us with salvation. The Holy Spirit does not desire to work through better machinery and organizations, but through you and through me.
- Unlike the control of alcohol ("Be ye not filled with wine..."), the Filling of the Holy Spirit becomes the foundation of producing the Character of Christ on the inside of believers ("...but be ye filled with the Holy Spirit.") This principle IS DESIGNED FOR EVERY BORN AGAIN BELIEVER.
- Ephesians 5:1 - Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children... Where we can't go - the human impossibility - is where the Grace of God starts.