

# **Spiritual Realities**

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I. Introduction.

II. Enjoying Christ.

- A. We must know Christ as Lord.
- B. We must appreciate Christ's love.
- C. We must appropriate Christ's life.

III. The reality of a Christian's danger.

- A. The danger of spiritual comfort.
- B. The danger of success breeding smugness.
- C. The danger of satisfaction breeding selfishness. (2 Kings 7)

IV. We must beware of...

- A. Outsiders opposed to Christianity.
- B. Insiders at work to do evil in the community.
- C. People who mix truth with error.

V. Christian distinctives.

- A. A Christian worships in the spirit of God. There is a real experience with the Spirit.
- B. A Christian is one who boasts in Christ Jesus.
- C. A Christian has no confidence in self-effort.

**Applications questions:**

1. How would you counsel a believer struggling with joy?

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2. When have you experienced some of the dangers the speaker lists above? What did you learn from the experience?

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3. What does it mean to have no confidence in the flesh? How can you grow in this area?

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