

# GRACE: More than Amazing

## Empowering Grace - 1 Corinthians 15:10

*"In God's garden of grace, even broken trees bear fruit." Rick Warren*

### **5 hindrances that we can do something about:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Immaturity
2. Disregard for the Wisdom of Mentors
3. Wrong Definition of Success
4. Negative \_\_\_\_\_
5. Focused more on Doing for God rather than Being with God

### **TWO FACTS THAT GUARANTEE OUR EMPOWERMENT:**

#### **1. We have been baptized \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit. - 1 Corinthians 12:13**

- Being baptized BY the Spirit has powerful implications.
  1. *Our conversion is personal and \_\_\_\_\_.*
  2. *We are to receive from other members of the body of Christ, and we are to give freely to other members of the body of Christ.*
  3. *We experience a calling to lay down our lives and live for something greater than ourselves.*

#### **2. We have been baptized \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit. - John 7:37-39, Acts 2:4, 4:29-31, 8:4-8,12, 9:10-19, 10:32-38, 19:1-6)**

1. *When Jesus baptizes us in the Spirit, we will experience a manifestation that empowers our intimacy with God and our empowerment for witnessing and evangelizing.*
2. *Receiving a baptism in the Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_ over sin and the ability to evangelize. To separate these two realities is unnecessary because they are a shared experience.*
3. *Based on the context of Jesus' words in John 7:37-39, there is a joy and glory attached to a person experiencing a baptism IN the Spirit.*

### **Suggested Application:**

1. Live expectantly. (Sovereign and Responsive).
2. Love big. (Most people need love more than they need advice.)
3. Do something \_\_\_\_\_. (Don't keep score.)
4. Be generous. (Keep your eyes open for people in need.)