

Are you “just spiritual” or “truly religious”? As I understand it, people who are “just spiritual” are seeking to enrich their lives and the lives of others with attributes such as love, joy, and peace ... and that is a good thing. But people who are “truly religious” are diligently seeking God who is the source of love, joy, and peace ... and that, I put to you, is a better thing. I would suggest that being “just spiritual” is like having a friend who only wants what you have to offer; but being “truly religious” is like having a friend who wants you.

Fortunately for us, though we have nothing of spiritual worth to offer, God wants to be our friend; this is Grace. His Grace is more than just words; He is the perfect Word who took on human form, and died for imperfect man and more than that, he rose again so that in Him we could know the perfect life. He asks that we respond to His Grace with more than just a nod of acknowledgement. He asks that we

- Believe that Jesus is God, the Son who died and rose to give us new life
- Repent, that is believe enough to turn our lives over in full obedience to God
- Declare our belief publicly
- Immerse yourself in baptism, there being buried with Christ and rising to newness of life
- Live like people who know Jesus the Christ, not just as Savior but also as Lord; growing in Him and sharing Him with others.

So, are you “just spiritual”; or are you “truly religious”?

My prayer is that the crosswords and wordsearches in this book will help you to answer that question in addition to being enjoyable.