

## Spiritualism verses Emotionalism

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Our purpose tonight as directed by the Holy Spirit is to define and discern spiritualism and emotionalism and how we are affected by them today.

**Emotion** defined from Webster's 1828 is literally, a moving of the mind or soul; hence any agitation of mind or excitement of sensibility.

**Emotional** defined from Webster's new world dictionary is; of or showing emotion, easily aroused to emotion, and appealing to the emotions; moving.

**Spirit** defined from Webster's 1828 is the soul of man; the intelligent, immaterial and immortal part of human beings. Ecclesiastes 12:7

**The Holy Spirit** is the third part of the Godhead that speaks to our spirit. Romans 8:14-17

**Spiritual** defined from Webster's 1828 is consisting of spirit; not material; incorporeal; as a spiritual substance or being. The soul of man is spiritual. I Peter 2:5

**When adding -ism** onto the end of a word such as emotional or spiritual it is the act, practice or process of doing something.

First of all I feel that is important to realize where our emotions and our Spirit come from. Genesis 1:26-27 and 2:7

We know God is a Spirit, but what about emotions, does He have them? Genesis 6:5-8, Psalm 30:5, Isaiah 53:3-4 & 10-11, Matthew 3:15-17.

God expresses His emotions many times in the scriptures; however each time they are expressed they harmonize with the Holy Spirit. John 16:13

All human beings have emotions since we are created in the image of God. Only saved people can experience the affect that the Holy Spirit has on our emotions. Philippians 4:7, I Peter 1:6-9, and Hebrews 12:3-11.

When we experience emotions in our lives, homes, and churches are we allowing them to be directed by the Spirit or the flesh? Galatians 5: 16-26 "The flesh and the Spirit are contrary one to the other," so that you must distinguish what proceeds from the Spirit, and what from the flesh; and you must not fulfil what you desire according to the carnal self, but what the Spirit within you desires (Neander).

My fear is that we are too fleshly and sinful to be able to distinguish the Spirit from our own fleshly emotions. How can we determine the one from the other when we are so double minded? James 1:5-8, 4:1-10, and I John 4:1-6.

If we want to be blessed spiritually we must recognize our lack of spirituality and come back to the Lord for direction, help, and hope. II Chronicles 7:12-16 and Galatians 6:1-10.

### Examples of Emotionalism

Genesis 4:1-8 Cain slew his brother Abel out of anger

Exodus 2:11-12 Moses kills the Egyptian

I Samuel 15:1-23 Saul disobeys the Lord's commands

Mark 8:31-33 Peter rebuking Jesus about His death

John 18:10-11 Peter cut off Malchus' ear

### Examples of Spiritualism

Ruth 1:1-18 Ruth's choice to continue following Naomi and serving her God

I Samuel 17:4-51 David stands for the cause of the Lord to defeat Goliath

I Kings 18:21-40 Elijah stands for God against the prophets of Baal

Ezra 10:10-12 Ezra calls out the marital mistakes of God's people and demands amends to be made

Matthew 26:36-44 Jesus is emotionally strained to His breaking point, but He exemplifies an amazing illustration of Spiritualism