**BAPTISTWAY PRESS—LIVING IN THE SPIRIT: RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY**

**Lesson Seven--“Praying in the Spirit”-Romans 8:26-30; 1 John 5:13-17; Hebrews 7:22-25**

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