



## WEEK 1

### GROWING IN GRACE

MARK SPURLOCK | SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

#### 3 ASPECTS OF GOD'S TRANSFORMING GRACE...

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You, my brothers and sisters, were **called** to be free. Galatians 5:13a

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But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. Galatians 5:13b-15

**So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **But if you are led by the Spirit,** you are not under the law. Galatians 5:16-18

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The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since **we live by the Spirit,** let us **keep in step with the Spirit.** Galatians 5:24-25

## KEY QUESTION:

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**Heavenly Father**, I pray that this day I may live in your presence and please you more and more.

**Lord Jesus**, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

**Holy Spirit**, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

--The daily prayer of John Stott



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## MIRACLE GROW TIMELINE

9/15,16	GROWING IN LOVE
9/22,23	GROWING IN JOY
10/6,7	GROWING IN PEACE
10/13,14	GROWING IN PATIENCE
10/20,21	GROWING IN KINDNESS
10/27,28	GROWING IN GOODNESS
11/3,4	GROWING IN FAITHFULNESS
11/10,11	GROWING IN GENTLENESS
11/17,18	GROWING IN SELF-CONTROL
11/24,25	GROWING IN GRATITUDE