

## MESSAGE NOTES

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### MESSAGE SERIES: WE GET TO WEEK ONE: "WE GET TO GROW"

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#### The GOOD NEWS of the Gospel is that...

1. You don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ what you've \_\_\_\_\_
2. You don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ what you've always \_\_\_\_\_
3. You're free to \_\_\_\_\_
4. And embrace your new \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

*"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 COR 5:17*

#### LIVING YOUR FULLEST LIFE IN CHRIST

- The **FIRST HALF** of the Gospel = \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus

→ Includes \_\_\_\_\_ from the penalty of sin

→ We are \_\_\_\_\_ by grace through faith in Christ

*"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are." ROM 3:22*

- The **SECOND HALF** of the Gospel = \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus

→ Includes \_\_\_\_\_ from the power of sin

→ Includes \_\_\_\_\_ from the bondage of sin to experience a victorious life of holiness

*"The Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." 2 COR 3:18*

#### IN THIS SERIES, WE'RE GOING TO DISCOVER THAT...

→ We need a \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to our spiritual growth

→ This involves a cognitive \_\_\_\_\_ from viewing spiritual disciplines as burdensome obligations to viewing them as fortunate opportunities (privileges)

Spiritual growth is a **personal** and **communal, lifelong, intentional process** of **maturing** in faith, in **cooperation** with the **Holy Spirit**, where we are **transformed** into the image of Christ.

1. It involves \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus
2. It involves \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus
3. It involves \_\_\_\_\_ the mission of Jesus

#### WE GET TO GROW

*"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." LUKE 2:52 (Parents = DEUT 6:6-7)*

1. Spiritual growth is a \_\_\_\_\_

*"I pondered the direction of my life, and I turned to follow your laws." PSA 119:59, NLT*

*"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, **you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.** Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ." COL 2:6-8, NLT*

2. Spiritual growth is a \_\_\_\_\_

*"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God **transform** you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." ROM 12:2, NLT*

3. Spiritual growth is a \_\_\_\_\_

*"No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way." HEB 12:11*

*[JESUS] "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." JOHN 15:5, NLT*