

SERMON MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 5/6, 2019

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PILGRIM

Struggles Along the Pathway to Spiritual Growth

2 Corinthians 3:12-18 (p. 986)

THE KEY PRINCIPLE

_____ and _____

Jesus' provision. (Galatians 3:3)

Spiritual growth will occur ...

1. By the power of the _____. (3:18; Hebrews 12:2)

2. Over an extended _____. (3:18)

THE POINT

Spiritual growth is a _____.

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FROM THE JANUARY 5/6, 2019 SERMON QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Life Groups will be on break until the week of January 13, 2019. For this weekend's message, read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 and review your outline notes.

1. What are two or three things that really stood out to you from the message?
2. What does it mean to and for your personal spiritual pilgrimage to know that —
 - a. Because you have the Holy Spirit in your life, you have been given freedom — from sin's penalty and condemnation, from futile attempts to earn God's favor, from Satan's domain, from sin's power? (v. 17)
 - b. Spiritual growth happens as we think about and personalize Jesus' provision? (v. 18)
 - c. You are being transformed by the Holy Spirit, as opposed to "you are transforming yourself"? (v. 18)
 - d. Your transformation will be a slow and extended process? (v. 18)
3. How are you ensuring that you keep your thinking focused on who Jesus is and what He's done for you, and that you personalize that to your specific journey?

Pilgrim Scripture Week 1

*"So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)*

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“...all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;”

Isaiah 4:6

“No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good.”

C. S. Lewis

“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

Romans 10:4

THE KEY PRINCIPLE

Thinking about and **personalizing** Jesus” provision. (Gal. 3:3)

“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

Galatians 3:3

Spiritual growth will occur...

1. By the power of the **Holy Spirit**. (3:18; Heb. 12:2)

“...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith;”

Hebrews 12:2