



Message Notes & Life Group Study Guide  
September 30 – October 1, 2017  
Grace Alone: Maturity- How Do We Grow?  
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**MESSAGE NOTES**

Galatians 3:1-14

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**STUDY GUIDE**

**Reference:**

Open in prayer and read Galatians 3:1-14.  
Tim Keller book: *Galatians for You*, Pages 65-76

**Review:**

What was one thing from this week's message, or scripture reference, that stood out to you?

**Reflect:**

1. Why do you think Paul is so hard on the Galatians in this passage?

2. Being completely honest, how many of your spiritual practices are motivated by earning the approval of God or other people?

3. If good works don't commend us to God, why bother? (Tim Keller, *Galatians for You*)

4. Have you experienced, or witnessed others experiencing, the psychological/spiritual “curse” (v. 10) of living by the law?

5. Think of a sin you regularly commit. What are you worshipping more than Jesus that causes you to decide to disobey Him? How can the truth of the gospel help you overcome that temptation and free you from that sin? (Tim Keller, *Galatians For You*)

6. *Sanctification* is the theological term that describes the endless process a Christian experiences by which they grow spiritually through the work of the Holy Spirit. What do you think it means to say spiritual growth (sanctification) is by grace, not good works?

7. Why would our ultimate enemy, Satan, be pleased when we embrace a works-based approach to the Christian Life?

**Respond/Reinforce:**

Think through your own “spiritual development plan.” Based on what you learned from this discussion, what is your plan for developing spiritual maturity? How is it gospel centered instead of a “self-help” plan?

**Next Week’s Reading:**

Scripture: Galatians 3:15-25

Tim Keller book: *Galatians for You*, Pages 77-88