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GRACE
CHANGES EVERYTHING



WEEK 3 | Grace Changes Everything

PRAYER

Father God, you are holy and righteous. On our own, we do not have the character or the willpower to be what you want us to be. In fact, dear Father, we confess that we cannot live up to all that we want to be. But we can see the work of your Spirit, progressively and surely, conforming us to be more and more like Jesus. We are thrilled that we belong to Jesus, but we do ask today that you work mightily to make us into what you desire us to be as we live to honor you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

From [Prayer Knowing Jesus](#)

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

If you received an inheritance of one million dollars, what would you spend it on?

NOTES

WORD

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

ROMANS 8:1-11

It is striking how closely Spirit, Christ, and God are associated with each other. It is also remarkable how hard it is to distinguish the Spirit and Christ, and even God from one another.

[Verses 2-11](#) raise one of the most basic questions in life: who is in charge? Who calls the shots? What is our mindset? What is important to us? In a time in which anxiety and worry seem to constitute the air we breathe, how we walk, who dwells in us, and what we focus on may be exactly the questions we need to explore.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = totally incapable; 10 = fully capable), how would you rate your ability to resist fleshly reactions to temptation? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. The word "condemnation" is a legal term around the prepared punishment that fits an offence that was committed. Do you think that price was settled once Jesus was slain on the cross?

3. Why do we often feel condemnation, not freedom, in our lives?
4. In Romans 8:4, Paul talks about how the righteous requirement of the law can only be fulfilled in us when we walk in the Spirit and not in accordance with the flesh. What are practical ways that you can walk in the Spirit, and are you engaging in these ways on a daily basis?
5. Would you like to trust God with your life, and receive the gift of God's grace, and enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER