



Dear Grace Church,

As Christians, we want to “Walk in the anointing of the Holy Spirit”, but don’t like “pulling the weeds” out that it takes to “live under the control of God’s Spirit”. In Galatians 5, Apostle Paul challenges us to first pull the weeds out of our lives so we can see the powerful anointing of His Spirit working in our lives. The Holy Spirit of God not only grows the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives, but it gives you the power you need to kill any weeds you may have growing in your life.

In Galatians 5:25 it says, **“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit”**. The picture is of someone who with every step they take is “Walking in the Spirit”. At first, walking and living in the Spirit may seem unnatural, that’s why “Praying in the Spirit” is needed everyday.

“Walking in the Spirit” requires filtered thinking. Apostle Paul describes two opposing forces that are at work in the life of every believer: **(01) The sinful nature (02) The Holy Spirit**. In Romans 8:5-6, Paul points to your mind (your thought life) as the battleground between your old sinful nature and walking in the Holy Spirit everyday of your life. It’s easy to determine which of these two opposing forces is dominating your life — “Which one are you feeding the most, sinful nature or Spirit led nature?”

Sometimes we keep our sinful desires alive deceptively—we think if they are kept out of sight they are out of mind, and things will turn out okay. But Paul writes in Galatians 5:24, **“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires”**. That means, “Living by the Spirit” begins with a decision to die to your human, fleshly, selfish nature and surrender everything to Jesus Christ instead.

Your garden is not going to flourish this summer until all the weeds are pulled out and the soil is clear. I look forward to pulling weeds with you this Sunday at Grace Church.

En Agape’,

Billy Farrar
senior pastor

P.S. Please note the upcoming time changes. July 4th—One Service at **10AM**—Then starting July 11th at **9AM** and **10:30AM**.

