

The background image shows three birds in a desert landscape at sunset. One bird is in flight in the upper left, with its wings spread. Two other birds are on the ground in the foreground, one on the left and one on the right, both facing right. The ground is sandy with some small plants. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with some clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

# God's Work And Our Walk

Matthew 13:1-23, Isaiah 40:31, John 15:5, Romans 8:29, Romans 10:15, Ephesians 1:13-14, Philippians 4:6-7, 2 Peter 1:3-8

# Spiritual Growth Begins with God

- The church is God's field and God's building, not man's.
- Only God can make the church grow.
- Do not confuse the messenger with the Messiah.
- Spiritual maturity does not begin with striving; it begins with God's provision.

# Cooperating with the Spirit's Work

- We need to offer our entire lives to Jesus as a living sacrifice.
- We are united with Christ in both His death and His resurrection.
- God's goal is not merely to inform us, but to transform us.
- Spiritual growth is not a one-time decision; it is a lifelong process.

# Growth is a Lifelong Journey

- While spiritual growth is undeniably personal, it was never meant to be private.
- We live in an age where opinions masquerade as truth, and false teachings spread like wildfire.
- Without spiritual maturity, we become vulnerable to whatever ideology happens to be popular at the time.
- Truth-bound, Christ-centered love becomes the soil in which spiritual maturity flourishes.

# Christlikeness for God's Glory

- The believer's initial act of faith is not the finish line.
- We must live a life of intentional spiritual progression.
- We need self-control to resist temptation, and perseverance to endure hardship.
- True reverence for God requires total submission to His authority.

# Conclusion

- We have been saved by grace and set apart for God's purpose—not to remain stagnant, but to be transformed daily into the image of Christ.
- Spiritual growth is not optional for the believer.
- The call of Christ is not merely to believe once, but to grow continually.
- Let us press on, rooted and grounded in Christ, growing in grace and truth until the day we see Him face to face.