

## MESSAGE NOTES

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### “THE GOSPEL HAS THE POWER TO SET US FREE!”

If you were to die tonight are you sure you would go to heaven?

What made Martin Luther sure of his salvation?

What was going on in the region of Galatia that prompted Paul to write this letter?

#### READ Galatians 5:1-6

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How does the image of the yoke help us understand the slavery to the law?

Why do we feel that we have to do something for our salvation?

What are some of the ways that we try to make ourselves right with God?

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- *“Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy” (Lev. 19:2).*

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- *“For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).*

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- *“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it” (James 2:10).*

How did Jesus bear the yoke for us?

- *“Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19).*

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How are good works connected to our faith?

- *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).*

Since we are saved by faith alone (sola fide), does that mean we can go on sinning?

- *“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?<sup>2</sup> By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?<sup>3</sup> Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?<sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:1-4).*

Having been set free to live a life of love, why do we follow God’s commands?