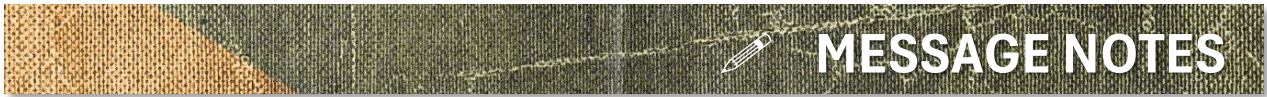




April 20 & 21, 2024-LIFENOTES

Grace Wins

Galatians 2:1-10



1. The battle for **freedom**. Acts 15
  
2. The bondage of **religion**.
  - External **conformity**
  - **Controlling** behavior
  
3. The beauty of **grace**.
  - Internal **transformation**
  - Loving **people**



What stood out to you in the sermon? What was significant or interesting to you?

The pastor talked about “the bondage of religion.” Have you ever felt the “burden” of external conformity? If so, what happened? Have you ever felt “controlled” by religious rules? Did that help or hinder your spiritual growth? Why?

Pastor celebrated the “beauty of grace” and talked about “internal transformation” and “loving people.” When do you think your faith resulted in an internal transformation? How so? What is the hardest thing for you to do to express love to people? (patience, kindness or not being rude)

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## DIGGING DEEPER

Paul tackles the issue of external religious conformity in **Romans 2:28-29**. What is he saying in those verses?

Read **Romans 4:9-12**. What is the thing that made Abraham right with God? How does that apply to us today?

Think about our church and our community. What external markers do you sense that we use to judge whether people are right with God? Are these judgments helpful? Why or why not?

Read **Romans 5:1-2**. How do you daily remind yourself that you “stand” in God's grace?

“Grace: The gift of God as expressed in his actions of extending mercy, loving-kindness, and salvation to people.” (Tyndale Bible Dictionary, 2001). What stands out to you in that definition? What do you want to remember this week?

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## APPLY

Based on this study. What change do you most need in your life? Do you need to turn away from religious externals? Do you need a greater embrace of grace in your life?

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## IN THE WORD

**Day 1** Acts 15

**Day 3** Genesis 15:1-6

**Day 5** Romans 4:13-25

**Day 7** Romans 5:1-2

**Day 2** Romans 2:12-29

**Day 4** Romans 4:1-12

**Day 6** Galatians 5:13-15