

A	<u>Area of Study:</u> Gal 5-6; reference materials: B 5/1-19	
B	<p><u>The Law is the Yoke of Slavery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Paul the attitude of those who enforce circumcision is such that they rely on their own good works and seek justification by observing the law. Therefore, humanity becomes slaves of the law, cutting themselves off from Christ's freedom. • The directions from the Council of Florence. • Anyone who chooses to obey the law is obliged to obey the entire law; therefore no one can be justified by law. 	<p>Gal 5:1-2, IBC</p> <p>Note A Gal 5:3, 3:10-11</p>
C	<p><u>"Faith Working Through Love"</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why does the Church insist on the need of doing good works in spite of St. Paul's teaching about justification by faith? The answer can be found in these verses. • Righteousness is by faith, but the faith with which God is pleased is the faith with action. Not only does Paul not object good deeds, but he also encourages them. These good deeds are motivated by love. Faith working through love is not bound by the law; but this is the good work that results in salvation. • God takes pleasure in good works motivated by faith and love = parents take pleasure in their children's love and efforts in repaying their love. They do not need nor ask for everything to be repaid but appreciate their children's intention. • Therefore, the quantity of good works and their perfections are unimportant compared to the steadfastness of one's faith (= children's intention). For "the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart". One should not feel restless because of the lack of nor the imperfections of good works, but asks oneself honestly whether one has faith in God and try his/her best in working with love. This faith (children's intention) is the key to righteousness. • True faith is like Abraham who sees God in endless suffering and situations where God cannot be seen; as well as sacrificing oneself for the Lord. As the world awaits the coming of the Saviour, one must not forget Mary's faith; her belief turns the disbelief of Eve around, giving birth to Jesus. Mary's faith is the model and exemplar of our faith. 	<p>Gal 5:5-6</p> <p>Rm 2:5-8, 13:8-10 Jm 2:14,24 Mt 7:21, 25:31-46</p> <p>R. Surgeris, <u>Not By Faith Alone</u>, p 50.</p> <p>1Sam 16:7</p> <p>Surgeris, p 66-67</p> <p>Note B</p>
D	<p><u>Walk by the Spirit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The faith that leads to one's justification is the kind of faith that is exemplified through love, sacrificing oneself completely for God. Therefore one cannot say: "Since I don't have to follow the law and doing sufficient good works is not a concern, therefore I can 	<p>Gal 5:13-26</p> <p>Gal 5:13 CCC 1740</p>

	<p>indulge in the enjoyment of all kinds of earthly goods and pleasures”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True freedom lies in being “led by the Spirit”. • “Walk by the Spirit” = Journeying with the Lord; it is a continuation of the eternal faith, Gal 6:16 “Walk by the rule” = Enoch and Noah who walk with God. • The Fruit of the Spirit 	<p>Gal 5:16-18, CCC 1741-42, JP11, Note C</p> <p>Gal 5:16, 25 Gen 5:21, 6:9</p> <p>CCC 1831-1832, Gal 5:19-26</p>
E	<p><u>Bear One Another’s Burdens. Be Steadfast in Doing Good Works, Boast in the Cross</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bear with each other – base on love for one another and the love for the Mystical Body of Christ. If one’s neighbour is at fault, one cannot act like an indifferent bystander. • “If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit” – this reveals the importance of following the Spirit. What is required are good works done tirelessly not the kind of works that come from the spur of the moment. • The new is hidden in the old and the old manifest in the new – the Israelites in the Old Testament use circumcision as a sign; in the New Testament, Christians use Baptism and the sign of the cross. They are crucified on the cross with Christ; taking God’s name and becoming God’s family, so that they will be “left alone”. 	<p>Gal 6</p> <p>Gal 6:1-6, IBC</p> <p>Gal 6:7-10, Heb 3:13-14, IBC</p> <p>Gal 6: 11-18</p> <p>Ezk 9:5-6, Gen 4:15</p>
F	<p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>From this session, you have learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church’s teaching against justification by the law. • The faith that justifies is one with actions. These good works, rooted in faith and motivated by love, are different from those rooted in the law. The results are different. • With such faith, one should not feel sad because of the lack of good works as God and parents look at their children’s hearts only. • Mary’s faith is our model and exemplar. • Following the Spirit gives us real freedom. 	