

Romans 014

“The Righteous will live by Faith”

Romans 1:16-17

“Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of faith is to see what we believe.”

Augustine

The Gospels present the words and works of Jesus and *‘Romans’* emphasizes the significance of His sacrificial death.

‘Romans’ concentrates on the doctrines of sin and salvation; indicating all men (Jews and Gentiles) are sinners and God has graciously offered His salvation package to whosoever expresses faith alone in Christ alone.

But when the study of God is appropriately applied, it makes us more humble, more in awe, more grateful and joyful about His amazing grace that found a way to save wretches like us.

Paul’s under obligation because of the grace of God in his life; because God saved him and gave him the gift of apostleship and the mission to take the Gospel to the Gentiles.

The purpose of this phrase is to show us that whenever a man is well motivated in life, has capacity for life to meet any situation in life, there has to be a great explanation.

Technically this is good news of victory and good fortune, something of intrinsic value and it always refers to the whole realm of the Word of God.

The mature believer is never ashamed of the truth in his heart whether it’s concerning justification or some other portion of the Word of God.

When you communicate good news, you communicate God’s ability to save, to bless and to provide and it all goes back to His character and His justice.

Sin is not an issue now and sin is not an issue at the last judgment because all sins have been judged on the cross and there is no exception to it.

From Adam until the last believers in the Millennium; everyone who is saved will be saved by believing in Jesus Christ.

The uniqueness of the Jewish race demands that they have the first opportunity to adjust to the justice of God at the point of salvation.

Faith is the foundation for everything in the Christian life, from salvation until we leave this world.

We are to focus on the Gospel because it’s the Gospel that has the power of truth and not some magical power; it’s power because truth is the thinking of God.

Everything is clear, if we understand the righteousness of God: that He is righteous and all that He does is just and man because of sin is unrighteous.

Paul uses *Gospel* to refer to the whole realm of theology that flows out of the Gospel. “The justified shall live by faith,” puts the emphasis on the fact that the post-salvation life is accomplished by faith.

At the time of Nebuchadnezzar, the children were being deported but in the time of Jesus, the infants were being killed.

Habakkuk centers on how God judges in human history and why is there evil and suffering for people who are not evil and why isn't there more suffering for people who are evil?

This occurs time and time again when the ruling elite in power, cause the nation to lose the foundation of righteousness and integrity; then instability and uncertainty come in.

But the leaders always reflect the people.

It gets to a point in a culture when people who want to do the right thing come along, in a society that has gravitated to moral relativism which has become the norm, so those who hold to an absolute standard are viewed as the enemy and they become ridiculed and attacked.

God makes it clear that He is the sovereign One who rules history and He is going to do things the way He sees fit because He is omniscient and He knows all the facts.

Just as the righteousness of God was revealed for Habakkuk, it was revealed for us in the way God deals with us.