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The Just Shall Live By Faith Romans 1:17

I. The Righteousness of God is Revealed (v. 17a)

A. A divine _____
(Gen 18:25; Psa. 45:6; Rom. 3:25-26)

B. A divine _____
(Psa. 98:2; Isa. 46:13)

C. A divine _____
(Phil. 3:9; Rom. 10:3; 5:17; 2 Cor. 5:21)

II. From Faith to Faith (v. 17b)

A. From _____ faithfulness to human faith
(2 Tim. 2:11-13)

B. From _____ faithful life to our faith
(Jn. 6:38; Matt. 26:39; Mk. 12:31; Matt. 6:14-15; Mk. 10:45)

C. From _____ faith to Gentile faith
(Rom. 1:16; Matt. 15:24; Jn. 4:22; Rom. 11:18)

D. From one _____ of faith to another
(Eph. 4:13; 2 Thes. 1:3; 2 Cor 3:18)

E. From _____ to finish of our faith
(Rom. 1:5, 12; Col. 1:22-23; Eph. 2:8; 1 Pet. 1:5)

III. The Just Shall Live by Faith (v. 17c)

A. Where does this quote _____ from?
(Hab. 2:4; 3:17-19)

B. What does this quote _____?
(Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

TAKE HOME:

- How can your life be _____ to the standard of God's holiness?
- How do you see an _____ of faith in your life—from start to finish?
- How does the _____ of Habakkuk 2:4 drive this truth into your heart even deeper?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 1:17. How does this verse flow out of verse 16? What is the “it” at the beginning of verse 17? How do these two verses work together?

2. Read Gen. 18:25; Psa. 45:6; Rom. 3:25-26; Psa. 98:2; Isa. 46:13; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 10:3; 5:17; 2 Cor. 5:21. What do we learn about the righteousness of God from these verses?

3. Which of the three categories of righteousness is verse 17 referring to? Why would you describe it this way? What is the difference between God’s righteousness and Christ’s righteousness imputed to the believer?

4. Which one of the five views of the meaning of the phrase “from faith to faith” encourages you the most? Why? What was the emphasis of this phrase “from faith to faith” in the sermon? (Rom. 1:5, 12; Col. 1:22-23; Eph. 2:8; 1 Pet. 1:5)

5. Where does the phrase “the just shall live by faith” come from? As you review the context of Habakkuk, what did you learn about the meaning of the phrase in Habakkuk 2:4? (Hab. 2:4; 3:17-19)

6. Why do you think Paul quoted directly from Habakkuk 2:4 in Romans 1:17? Where else do we see this phrase quoted in the New Testament? How does the context of Habakkuk relate to what Paul is trying to accomplish in Romans? (Rom. 4:3; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“God’s righteousness is not imputed on the basis of works or made available to those who seek to earn or deserve it. It is revealed on the principle of faith alone. This is in perfect agreement with the divine decree in Habakkuk 2:4, ‘The just shall live by faith,’ which may also be understood to mean ‘the justified-by-faith ones shall live.’”

- William MacDonald, *Believer’s Bible Commentary*