

## The Righteous Will Live by Faith

Romans 1.17

*“For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”* Romans 1.17

The Bible teaches that faith is the key to everything for the Christian. By faith we come to Christ. By faith we live our Christian lives successfully. Without faith it is impossible to please God. In other words, faith is central for Christian living. Let’s look today and see just what the Scripture has to say concerning faith as it relates to our salvation and the living of our lives.

### A Righteousness from God is Revealed

*“For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed ...”*

In the gospel we see a righteousness from God centered in his Son, who died on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins. Christ's righteousness is revealed to us in a number of ways. Two are vital to see. We must see that Christ is righteousness and that he imparts his righteousness to us.

*“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”* 2 Corinthians 5.18-21

### A Righteousness that is by Faith from First to Last

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### As It Is Written: “The Righteous Will Live By Faith”

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It is by faith that we have the righteousness of Christ inputted or imparted to us, but it is also by faith, that we live our lives every day. We must not only trust in Christ for our salvation, we must also trust Christ with our lives.

Paul quotes from the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk when he says, *“The righteous will live by faith.”* We not only find this quotation here in Romans 1.17, but also in Galatians 3.11 and Hebrews 10.38. It is one of the great statements of Scripture.

*“See, he is puffed up;  
his desires are not upright –  
but the righteous will live by his faith.”* Habakkuk 2.1-4

### Faith is the Principle of Life for the Believer.

#### Habakkuk 3.16-19

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”*

*I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”* Philippians 4.4, 10-13