

## FAITH from FIRST to LAST ~ Romans 1:16-17

→ Scripture Reading - Romans 1:10-12, 14-16

### I am NOT Ashamed ~ Romans 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> 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."

People are saved BY faith, but faith is NOT the cause of **salvation**. The cause of salvation is the **GRACE of God**, the **WILL of God**, and the **POWER of God** working through the gospel. cSB

### IMPLICATION

→ We are called to be **UNASHAMED** of the gospel - **NOT Anonymous OR Obnoxious**

<sup>16</sup> For I am NOT ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes... (NLT)

**1 Peter 3:15** (NIV) ...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the HOPE that you have. But do this with GENTLENESS and RESPECT...

**2 Timothy 1:12** (NLT) That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am NOT ashamed of IT, for I know the ONE in whom I TRUST, and I am sure that He is able to GUARD what I have entrusted to Him until the day of His return.

→ The Gospel is the **POWER of God to CHANGE Lives**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-21** (NLT) The message of the cross is FOOLISH to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very POWER of God. <sup>19</sup> As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." <sup>20</sup> So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. <sup>21</sup> Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know Him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to SAVE those who BELIEVE.

### Righteousness COMES by FAITH ~ Romans 1:16-17

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**In the Gospel a Righteousness FROM (of) God is Revealed... vs.17**

➤ In His CHARACTER

**Deuteronomy 32:4** (NLT) He is the Rock; His deeds are PERFECT. Everything He does is JUST and FAIR. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is.

➤ In His ACTS

**1 Samuel 12:6-7** (NIV) Now then, stand here, because I am going to confront you with evidence before the LORD as to **ALL the RIGHTEOUS ACTS** performed by the LORD for you and your fathers.

➤ the GIFT of Righteousness

**Philippians 3:9** (NIV) ...not having a RIGHTEOUSNESS of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the **righteousness that comes FROM God and is BY faith**.

The **righteousness of God** is that righteousness which He IMPARTS in order to make men righteous. Augustine

The life of **FAITH** is ALL-ENCOMPASSING: it is **BY faith** that one initially RECEIVES the gift of salvation (eternal life), but it is also **BY faith** that one **LIVES each day**. <sup>ESV</sup>

## IMPLICATION

### →We are **MADE Righteous by FAITH**

<sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a righteousness FROM God is revealed, a righteousness that is by FAITH...

**Faith is unconditional TRUST** - it is the appointed way of **receiving God's righteousness**.

Faith IN the fact that Jesus Christ took our sins on Himself, taking the punishment we deserved, and in exchange making us righteous before God. <sup>LAB</sup>

**Romans 3:21-22** (NIV) But now a righteousness FROM God, apart from law, has been made known... <sup>22</sup>  
This righteousness from God comes THROUGH faith in Jesus Christ to ALL who believe.

**Romans 10:13** (NIV) Everyone who CALLS on the Name of the Lord WILL be saved.

**Romans 10:9-11, 13** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> ...BELIEVE in your heart... <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you BELIEVE...  
<sup>11</sup> ...Anyone who TRUSTS... <sup>13</sup> for Everyone who CALLS on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## TAKE AWAY ??

### →The Gospel is the Good News of God's Salvation- Positional, Progressive, Ultimate

<sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a righteousness FROM God is revealed, a righteousness that is **BY faith from FIRST to LAST**... <sup>17</sup> ...accomplished from **START to FINISH BY faith**... (NLT)

**Positional** - we are IN Christ Rm. 8:1

**Progressive** - we WALK with Christ Rm. 8:29, 12:1

**Ultimate** - will be LIKE Christ 1 Jn. 3:2

### Every Aspect of God's SALVATION comes BY FAITH

- **Justification**- saved from the **PENALTY** of sin
- **Sanctification**- saved from the **POWER** of sin
- **Glorification**- saved from the **PRESENCE** of sin

**Romans 8:29-30** (NIV) For those God foreknew he also predestined to be CONFORMED to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those He predestined, He also called; those he called, He also JUSTIFIED; those He justified, He also GLORIFIED.

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