

## *Eleutheros Newsletter*

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### **News of Interest**

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### **Thoughts on Romans**

**1:17** *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.*

The Gospel message that Paul so faithfully proclaimed to Jews and Gentiles alike ([1:16](#)) produces righteousness in the lives of those who accept Jesus as Savior. Properly presented, the Gospel first emphasizes man's sinful condition (see [1:21-32](#)). When this important fact is presented from the

Scriptures to an unbeliever and the Holy Spirit is working on his heart, the righteousness of God becomes very evident!

This is a very important fact that is not emphasized much in certain circles of Christianity today. Why would an unsaved person want to hear about hell, repentance, the blood of Christ and His resurrection, and the fact that Jesus is the only way ([John 14:6](#)) if he feels his religion, so called good works, his education, or anything else is sufficient to meet his spiritual needs?

On the other hand, when the Holy Spirit convinces a sinner that God is holy and all men have violated God's standard, the response should be that the goodness of God is leading that individual to repentance ([Romans 2:4b](#))!

Some tend to think this is not a good thing, but the Scriptures teach otherwise! In fact, consider [Acts 20:21](#) where *repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus Christ* are theologically the same thing and the grammar in the Greek New Testament make this very clear. In other words, there is no saving faith if there is no repentance; and there is no repentance unless there is a recognition of sin and the importance of accepting the sacrifice that our sinless Savior made on behalf of all who believe.

The key to salvation is genuine faith. *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved* ([Acts 16:31](#)).

Paul says, *The just shall live by faith* in this verse. Although the word *justified* does not appear here, the basic idea is evident.

Here is the picture we should get when we consider justification. We are in God's courtroom. Satan is our accuser, Jesus is our attorney (see [I John 2:1-2](#)), the Father is the Judge. Having considered our case, that we have been saved and made holy through positional sanctification (see [I Corinthians 1:2](#)), the Father *declares* us to be righteous!

This happens *immediately* when a soul is born again! This means a believer has an absolutely holy standing before a holy God! This is the only way salvation can be according to God's plan. He insisted that the sacrifice for our sinful condition be absolutely sinless, and by grace that sinless gift not only paid for our salvation; it also produces a perfect standing before God!

How amazing this truth is! It was the most *unfair* transaction imaginable! Jesus took on all our sin in His sinless body ([Isaiah 53:6](#)), paid for it with His sinless blood, and immediately imputes to us His sinlessness! What a Savior!

The Apostle goes on to say *the just shall live by faith* here, also insisting that *the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith*.

The point of these two phrases is that faith in Christ not only produces a holy *standing* before God. It also produces a radically different lifestyle before men in this present evil age!

It is apparent that the phrase *from faith to faith* means an ever growing faith. Paul makes it clear that there are three things that will last forever: *faith, hope, and love* ([I Corinthians 13:13](#); see also [Galatians 5:22](#))!

This great hymn applies:

*My faith has found a resting place—Not in device or creed:*

*I trust the Ever-living One—His wounds for me shall plead.*

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea;*

*It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me!*

### **My Faith Has Found a Resting Place**

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We will continue these thoughts from Romans in next month's newsletter.