

# The Just Shall Live by Faith

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*The sermon emphasizes that true righteousness and life come through faith in Jesus Christ, contrasting it with the futility of relying on works for salvation.*

**Duration:** 50:52

**Scripture:** Habakkuk 2:4, Matthew 6:33, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:19-22, Hebrews 10:38, Hebrews 11:4

**Topics:** "Live By Faith"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of sharing the old story of Jesus and His love. He encourages listeners to remember and retell this story, as it brings healing to broken hearts and serves as a remedy for sin. The preacher also highlights the need for God's righteousness in all people, regardless of their background, and emphasizes the importance of confessing sins, repenting, and believing in Jesus Christ for salvation. The sermon references the book of Habakkuk in the Bible, where the prophet faced spiritual difficulties but ultimately found faith in God.

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## Transcript

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And the moment that you meet Him and come and are reconciled to God through faith in the blood of Christ, God declares you righteous and covers you with his eternal sinless robe of righteousness. Is that clear? And so the just, those who come to a personal appropriation, saving experience of redemption, being born again, not a flesh but by the Word and the Spirit, God declares you righteous on the faith principle and you shall live and pass from death unto life. Galatians 3.11, I want to make it clear, the emphasis is on faith as contrasted with works.

What was the difficulty? Well, some Judaizing teachers came down to the little church in Galatia and they taught this. They came down and they said to those that were saved by grace, you're not saved unless you couple with it works, teaching salvation by grace and by works, teaching salvation by faith and by the sacraments. And so Paul said to the Galatian church, I marvel that you're so soon removed, deserting him that called you into the grace of Christ under another gospel, which is not another.

And though an angel from heaven preach any other gospel than I have delivered unto you, given by revelation from heaven, not man-made, let him be damned, for he plainly speaking, but that's what God's Word said. And then in the second chapter, 16th verse, he gives the summary, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith of Christ. Even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ.

And then chapter 3, 1, O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth? And then he gives the summary in the 11th verse by saying, the just shall live with the emphasis by faith, faith contrasted over against works. Let me make it plain. After you're saved, then produce good work.

Hebrews 10, 38. I love the book of Hebrews, beginning at the 19th verse of the 10th chapter. It is the practical portion of this wonderful epistle.

And you'll notice in the 19th verse of that 10th chapter, these words, And may the sword of the Spirit do the work, having therefore, brethren, you who have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, not speaking of the unsaved, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. And you'll never approach God the Father except on the grounds and basis of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to make that plain because the devil, the prince of the power, hates the preaching of the blood of Christ.

And verse 20, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, his flesh. 22nd verse, Let us who are saved draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. And then the summary in the 38th verse, Now the just shall live by faith.

And in the 11th chapter, oh, how I'd love to go through that chapter with you. We have those who have lived by faith, able, notice, by faith, able, offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness, assurance that he was righteous back there in the dawn of human history. What happened? Two brothers, sinners by nature, both of them from sinful parents, shaping an iniquity.

One said, I've heard the way of approach that's God's appointed way through the blood sacrifice of a little lamb without spot and without blemish. And when he came up to the altar, he came with a little spotless lamb. The lamb was slain.

Abel put his hands upon the slain lamb in identification that he deserved death, the penalty of sin. But the substitute died in his place instead, and the blood was applied, and God had respect to his offering. Cain says, No, and he brought the fruit of his own labors from a cursed ground.

He came before God, and he said, No, blood atonement for me. I know the way to approach you, God. That's what he said in so many words.

God had not respect unto his offering, and Cain went out angry, separated from God, a lost soul forever. Will you note the words, and Abel obtained the witness that he was righteous. God testifying of his gifts, and by it, he being dead yet speaking.

The Lord, Terry, you may hear that I've died. No, sir, don't you believe a word of it. For the moment that God calls me home, I'll leave this earthly tabernacle that is outwardly daily perishing in spite of all I can do, and I'll depart to be with Christ, which is far better, and I'll be more alive than you ever dreamed to be.

And I have now eternal life, but then I'll wake up in the glory and be with Jesus awaiting the resurrection morn, and someday come back, and this body of my humiliation will be fashioned like unto his glorious body, and I'll be forever with Jesus like him, hallelujah, friend outside of Christ. I plead with you, I plead with you, don't put off another minute rejecting the offer of grace in Christ Jesus, because I tell you on authority of God's Word that unless you have been declared by God to be just righteous, you are lost, and you'll not be declared righteous or just by your own deeds of righteousness. God is the one to give the verdict, and when you come God's appointed way through Christ and the cross and the blood of Christ, God says, Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.

Come now, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life. The just God's declared righteous one shall live by faith, and faith cometh by hearing and by hearing God's Word. Will you believe? Let bow our heads in prayer.

No one stirring. Jesus is tenderly calling me home, calling today. Pray with me as I continue to speak to the friends in the radio audience.

Listen, you may be a scarlet sinner. You may be moral and upright, but before God you're a sinner. You may be a religious sinner.

God says all have sinned and come short of my glory, but I'm willing to declare you righteous and give you my rope of righteousness in Christ if you'll come on the grounds of the redemption that's in Christ Jesus. No other way. If you'll come now, I'll receive you.

Tomorrow may be too late. Kneel right where you are in the radio audience if you can. Say, God be merciful to me, a sinner, and save me for Christ's sake.

God bless you. Only eternity will reveal the thousands upon thousands that God has permitted to be saved through the old-fashioned revival hour. While our heads are bowed here in this splendid audience in Long Beach today, how many will quickly put their hands up and say, pray for me.

I believe. God bless you. I now receive Christ as my... I receive Christ as my personal Savior.

I'd like to be, God bless you, a serviceman, a Navy boy. Anyone else can hardly get the invitation out without, God bless you, that you're saved if there's any question, settle it today and God can answer all your questions in Christ. For he is the way, the truth, and the life, and no man cometh unto the Father except through Christ.

Anyone else, just before we close, put your hand up and say, pray for me. I want to be saved today. God bless you back there.

Continue in prayer as we leave the air. Amen.

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