

The Just Shall Live by Faith



Hebrews 10:38

- The Spiritual Principle of Faith is “God’s plan for us to please Him.”
 - Purpose: this principle will produce internal growth and maturity.
 - Objective: to teach us how to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Goal: to keep us from being barren and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Lesson #1 – What is Faith?
 - “Faith is having confidence in what God said.”
 - A. The way faith operates is – “God speaks, we hear, and we walk in obedience.”
 - B. True biblical faith: substance, evidence, and witness.
 - C. Without faith it is impossible to please God.
 - Lesson #2 – The Four Facts About Faith
 - A. The object of faith is God Himself.
 - B. The second fact to know about faith is its purpose.
 - C. The third fact to know about faith is the way to possess it.
 - D. The fourth fact about faith is the result of faith.

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- The Scripture is quoted one time in the Old Testament and three times in the New Testament.
 - In the book of Habakkuk 2:4 is the first time we see this phrase.
 - The contrast here is between people of faith and people who arrogantly trust themselves and leave God out of their lives.
 - This verse is used three times in the New Testament and a different point is emphasized each time it is used.
1. Who are the just (Romans 1:17)?
 - A. Man has a serious problem – that of thinking he is righteous.
 - The only way a man can live with God is to be made righteous.

B. The answer to a man's problem is faith.

- **Very simply, the whole life of the believer is to be a life of faith, from beginning faith to ending faith, from faith to faith.**

2. How shall the just live (Gal. 3:11)? "The just shall live by faith."

- **"Shall live" means – to live, to stay alive, be preserved; to flourish, to enjoy life; to live in happiness, and to live continuously.**

A. The law carries with it a curse (Gal. 3:10).

B. There is righteousness, which is of the law.

C. Jesus Christ delivers man from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13).

- **It also means that Jesus Christ accomplished the same purpose that God intended the law, except much more.**

3. By what power does a person live (Hebrews 10:38)? "The just shall live by faith."

- **The Christian believer is to walk by faith, not by feelings and emotions.**

A. The believer is to commit his life and his problems to God – all day long – throughout all his waking hours.

B. The believer is to deny self.

C. The believer is to act as though he has made a commitment to God.

D. While the believer is doing what he should be doing, he is to be asking God for His grace and strength.