



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

(THE) JUST LIVE BY FAITH
Romans 1:8-17

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Introduction: “Without faith it is impossible to please God,” the writer of Hebrews claims. Today we will discover the relationship between faith and God’s righteousness.

I. The Meaning of Saving Faith

A. What Saving Faith Is Not

1. Feeling
2. Hope
3. Optimism

B. What Saving Faith Is

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

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II. The Attributes of Saving Faith

A. Encourages Other People (Romans 1:8-12)

Romans 1:8 "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world."

Romans 1:11-12 "¹¹For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; ¹²that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine."

Hebrews 10:24 "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

B. Endures Unanswered Prayer (Romans 1:13-15)

Romans 1:13-15 "¹³And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome."

1. Unconfessed sin (Isaiah 59:1-2)

Isaiah 59:1-2 "¹Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. ²But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God. And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear."

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2. Idolatry (Ezekiel 14:3)

Ezekiel 14:3 “Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be consulted by them at all?”

3. Lack of generosity (Proverbs 21:3; Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:7-11)

4. The sovereign will of God (Romans 1:13)

C. Enables Us to Receive the Righteousness of God (Romans 1:16-17)

1. The Gospel is man’s only hope for salvation

Romans 1:16a “For I am not ashamed of the gospel...”

2. The Gospel is for everyone

Romans 1:16b “...for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

3. The Gospel is received by faith

Romans 1:17 "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'But the righteous man shall live by faith.'"

Conclusion