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"ALL" By Faith Alone in Christ Alone!

"The righteous shall live by faith; What does that look like?"

Romans 1:17, Galatians 2:20

All Scripture English Standard Version unless noted!

We have clearly seen that salvation is by "faith alone"

We have seen that the offer of salvation is to "all" men without distinction

In these and other texts we see that "faith alone in Christ alone" leads to sanctification and the living a life of faith

Today "the righteous will live by faith"

"What does that look like"?

Next week "How does it happen"!

Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Today "the righteous shall live by faith"

The implication is, the righteous will live a changed life

So the questions would be...what does that mean?

What does that look like?

How do we do that?

The answer! By faith in Him

We saw last week...

Those that have true faith will reveal it by their works and their fruit

The fruit of righteousness and holiness

The fruit of a radically "reoriented" life

The Reformers taught, "justification is by faith alone, but not by faith that is alone"!

True faith is never alone!

Q.45. What is sanctification? A.45. It is God making sinners holy in heart and conduct, (Hulse's Catechism)

So what does it look like for the "the righteous to live by faith"

Today we will begin to see what that "living by faith" looks like!

We will see some reoccurring themes in multiply passages!

1. The Word of God will play a key role
2. Obedience to God's Word is a priority
3. Love for God's Word, love for obedience to God's Word, love for His church, His people and for others will be a defining characteristic
4. We will be engaged in the home spiritually and in the local church advancing God's kingdom

1 Peter 1:13-2:3 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for "All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

25 but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A Living Stone and a Holy People

2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up

into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

V14-15, be _____ children

What do we have to be obedient to? His _____?

What would our obedience lead to? our being _____

V22, How does He make us holy, by His _____

V25, How long does His Word of truth last, _____

V1, What are we to put away in becoming holy?

_____/_____/_____/_____/_____
V2, What are we to long for? _____/_____/_____

Romans 12:1-5 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

It all happens in the family and the local church

V1, We are to offer our _____ to be engaged

We are to be _____ & _____ to God (obedient)

V2, Seeing again that the _____ would be renewed (engaged)

That we might know His _____, _____ and _____ will (obedience)

V4-5, So in Christ there are many _____ in one _____ (the Church where we are to be engaged)

This next text will be the bases for next week but I want us to take a look at it this morning so you can see the reoccurring themes

John 15:1-17 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for

the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

V3, You are clean because of the _____

V7, What is to abide in us? The _____

V9, What has the Father done to us? He has _____ us

V10, If we keep His _____ we will abide in His _____

V10, Jesus says He has kept what of the Fathers? His _____

V12, His commandment is that we _____ one another

V14, We will show ourselves to be God's friend if we do what He _____ us

V17, Again what did He command us to do? _____ one another

Again the reoccurring themes of what living a "life of faith" looks like

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Psalm, 119:65-112 If needed!

Next week! How does this happen?