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"ALL" By Faith Alone in Christ Alone!
"The righteous shall live by faith."
Romans 1:16-17, Galatians 2:15-21

All Scripture English Standard Version unless noted!

We see clearly that salvation is by "faith alone"
We see 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

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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.**

Before we go there let's put a quick wrap on "the
righteousness of God"

I want us to see clearly that our salvation is in faith
alone in Christ alone with nothing added to it

1. It is not faith plus works
2. It is not faith plus the ordinances (this case
circumcision)
3. It is not faith plus keeping the law

It is faith in God alone and the work of His Son Jesus
Christ that was finished on the cross, no +s

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"the righteousness of God"

1. Three times in Romans this righteousness has reference to God's attribute of "justice"
2. Five times it is in reference to the "righteousness of God" imputed to all who believe in His Son
3. This "righteousness" is apart from works of keeping the law
4. This "righteousness" is not our own but becomes Ours
5. This "righteousness" is the gift of God
6. This "righteousness" is received by "faith lone in Christ alone"
7. This "righteousness" brings remission of sins
This righteousness, this justification brings forgiveness of sins

It is a removal of sin from our account

The righteousness of God is remission of our sins

Romans 4:2-8 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

**7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;
8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."**

Our remission of sins is directly related to the imputed righteousness of God that we have been clothed with

We must have faith that forgiveness of sins has come with the righteousness of God

The remission of sins is tied to the atonement of Christ on the cross for our sins

Propitiation is the satisfying of God's justice

Expiation is the work of carrying our sins away

Christ is the lamb slain on the day of atonement

Christ is also the scape goat of the day of

atonement that takes away our sins

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Galatians 2:15-22 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! **18** For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. **19** For

through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 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. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

8. The "righteousness" will live by faith

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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.*

Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Romans 6:19-21 Phillips New Testament-

The new service completely ousts the old

In the past you voluntarily gave your bodies to the service of vice and wickedness—for the purpose of becoming wicked. So, now, give yourselves to the service of righteousness—for the purpose of becoming really good.

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

Hear me well, I despise works based preaching and works based salvation thinking

But I also despise, "O I believe in God" O "I am saved" "O I am a Christian" preaching that does not teach that true change and faith will lead to a radically "reoriented" life

2 Timothy 3:5 *Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.*

Here is what the Reformers taught, "justification is by faith alone, but not by faith that is alone"!

True faith is never alone!

It always manifests itself in a changed life in good works

A life that is becoming more radically oriented toward God and more and more away from the world

James 2:24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

We are to never teach that we "do" to get Jesus "to do"

But we do teach that we do because of what Christ has done for our salvation and our trust in that

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his 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.

Galatians 3:11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

Hebrews 10:38 But my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

The just by faith shall live

The same faith takes hold of us and gives us interest in all the promises of God

As we live in danger we are secure from eternal destruction punishment

I rest my case in Scripture alone!

Romans 3:21-22 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Romans 3:28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Galatians 2:16 Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Our salvation in by "faith alone in Christ alone" and true faith will always manifest itself in the person being sanctified" Q45. What is sanctification? 45. It is God making sinners holy in heart and conduct, (Hulse's Catechism)

Next week we will begin to see how this sanctification or right living happens!

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

In the word, on our knees and making being engaged in the things of God a priority!