

## The Just Shall Live By Faith

### Introduction:

- A. Perhaps no religious doctrine is more popular in Protestant denominations than the doctrine of salvation by faith alone.  
“... that we are justified by faith only, is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort” (**Methodist Discipline**, Article 9).
- B. We are definitely saved by faith. - Romans 1:16-17; Galatians 3:11
- C. How shall the just live by faith?

### I. This is a quotation from the prophet Habakkuk.

- A. Habakkuk was concerned over injustice in Judah. - 1:2
- B. God said He would send Babylon to punish Judah. - 1:6
- C. Habakkuk believed the Jews would live. - 1:12
- D. God replied that the just would live by his faith. - 2:4
- E. The ultimate fulfillment of this principle is in Christ. - 3:13a

### II. Romans 1:16-17

- A. All must be justified by the gospel. - 1:16-17
- B. This is obedient faith. - 1:5; 16:26
- C. All need it. - 3:23; 6:23
- D. This justification is by the blood sacrifice of Christ. - 3:20-28
- E. It demands that we:
  - 1. Hear the gospel. - 1:16; 10:17
  - 2. Believe in Jesus. - 5:1-2
  - 3. Repent of our sins. - 2:5
  - 4. Confess our faith. - 10:8-10
  - 5. Be baptized into Christ. - 6:3-4; 5:9-10
  - 6. Live transformed lives. - 12:1-2

### III. Galatians 3:11

- A. Question: Are we justified by the law or by the hearing of faith? - 3:2
  - 1. the law - 3:17; cf. Romans 8:2
  - 2. the hearing of faith - 1:11,23
- B. Abraham himself was justified by faith apart from the law. - 3:6-7; cf. Genesis 15:6
- C. We receive God's promise to Abraham by faith. - 3:8-9; cf. Genesis 12:3
- D. The law brought the curse. - 3:10-12; cf. Deuteronomy 27:26; Leviticus 18:5
- E. Christ redeemed us from the curse. - 3:13-14,22; cf. Deuteronomy 21:23
- F. The purpose of the law was to prepare the way for Christ. - 3:23-25
- G. All may become heirs of the promise to Abraham by being baptized into Christ. - 3:26-29

#### IV. Hebrews 10:38

- A. The writer exhorts his brethren not to cast away their confidence. - verse 35
- B. We do this by being patient. - verses 36-37
- C. As the result, we are just by faith. - verse 38
- D. If we fail to do this, we will be lost. - verses 38-39

#### Conclusion:

- A. To be justified by faith, we must believe and obey the gospel, live transformed lives, not seek to be justified by the law, and endure to the end.
- B. Justification before God is not only by anything. - e.g., how to make a garden
- C. Are you just by faith?