

Monday, 30 November 2015

Romans 1:16-17

*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. **This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.** As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." [NLT]*

Or as the KJV puts it, "from faith to faith." It is that little tiny mustard seed of faith that ignites the firestorm; the catalyst that begins the transformation of thinking that leads to a life lived in the center of God's will (Rom. 12:2) It is the power of God at work in our lives. Hallelujah!

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

Romans 4:13

Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith.

"Faith is a grace that of all others gives glory to God."

Matthew Henry, A Concise Commentary. Isn't this interesting? Paul emphasizes that it is our faith (total trust) that brings us into a right relationship with God and Matthew Henry points out that it is our faith that glorifies God; glorifies Him above all other expressions of grace.

So if I totally trust Him to lead me into the path of righteousness, totally depend upon Him to provide, totally rely upon Him to guide me into opportunities to proclaim the Good News, i. e. totally look to Him for all things, I am glorifying the LORD, God the Almighty.

Wednesday, 2 December 2015

Romans 5:1-2

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.** Through him, we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Peace with God--what an overwhelming concept. I was born into sin, I was at enmity with God from birth. I fought Him. I mocked Him. I despised Him. I was unceasing in my efforts

to discredit Him.

Hallelujah, through the intercession of my Lord Jesus Christ, I have been brought into reconciliation with the LORD, God the Almighty. Through Him, I can rejoice in the certainty that I have entered into the glory of God; that I am one of those upon whom God lavishes His love (1 John 3:1, NIV)

Thursday, 3 December 2015

Romans 4:16

So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.

It is not an exaggeration to define faith as the super weapon of all times. It is, without a doubt, the most powerful weapon that we, as Christians, have in our arsenal to fight against powers and principalities. (2Cor. 10:4, Eph. 6:16) It is a gift, freely given for us to reach out and take as our own.

Faith is not a doctrine nor is it a state of mind. It is a state of being. Faith is a condition of heart, soul, mind, conscience and strength. It is the totality of whom I am!

Friday, 4 December 2015

1 Peter 1:15-17

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of Him during your time as "foreigners in the land."

Lord, my prayer is that Your Holy Spirit will continue to remind me of all that You taught and will continue to guide me into a life of holiness. Not a life of sanctimony and legality. Not a life characterized by an attitude of "holier than thou" but a life that seeks to live out Your love in a way that reveals You.

Saturday, 5 December 2015

Isaiah 57:15

The high and lofty One who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.

Lord, this is a picture of life in the Kingdom of Heaven, both in the here and now and in the yet to come. Your holiness is anathema to the unrepentant and proud but welcoming and nurturing to the contrite and humble.

Lord, that Micah 6:8 can be the guiding principle of my life in the Kingdom as I prepare for the yet to come.

Lord's Day, 6 December 2015

Psalm 119:145

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes.

It must not be a whole heart cry or You would answer me. Are You waiting for me to come completely to my knees? Am I still reserving an autonomy, refusing to surrender that portion of self to You? Answer me, Lord, I want to keep Your statutes. I want to live according to Your Word as Your disciple and as Your Ambassador. Help me, Lord.

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