



¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who **believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from **faith** for **faith**, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by **faith**.” (ESV)

Thus far we have seen 7 reasons why he is not ashamed of the gospel:

- It is good news
- It deals with salvation
- It is God’s own message
- It is powerful
- It is efficacious for all both Jew and Greek
- It is in the gospel that God’s power unto salvation is *revealed*.
- The gospel is the *content* of the revelation. It is the righteousness of God.

The 8th reason:

The gospel shows how this righteousness becomes ours. How?

From faith for faith. What is faith?

Does everyone have faith? (Eph. 2:8-9)

Are you exercising faith when you get on a bus, the train, an airplane?

Does faith replace obedience to the law in the old dispensation? (Matt. 5:17-18)

Faith is the opposite of legalism. It excludes any claim to worthiness or merit (Phil. 3:4-9).

If you say, “I am saved because of my faith,” you just turned faith into works.

Is faith a condition of salvation?

Faith does not justify us. Faith is the instrument, the channel, by which we receive the righteousness of Christ and He renders you capable of receiving it. (Rom. 3:21-22)

If you boast about your faith, you are still in your sins (Gal. 6:14)

“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’” (Rom. 1:17, NLT).

It is only the person who has the gift of faith who see this righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 2:12, 14; Matt. 11:25-26)

“The righteous shall *live* by faith” (Hab. 2:4; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

You will die, but if you have this righteousness by faith, you will live eternally (Rom. 8:38-39)