

## Crystallization-Study – Epistle to the Romans

### The Structure of the Gospel of God – The Righteousness of God, the Life of Christ, and the Faith of the Believers

#### **The Essence of the Faith of the Believers**

- The word *faith* bears two denotations.
  - Refers to the **things** the believers believe in (objective faith).
  - Refers to the **believing action** of the believers (subjective faith).
- The faith of the believers is actually not their own faith but **Christ entering** into them to be their faith.
- **Rom. 10:17** – So faith [comes] out of hearing, and **hearing** through the **word** of Christ.
  - Faith came into us by our **hearing the word**. This word is just Christ Himself.
  - We can believe in the Lord Jesus because we hear about Him; that is, we see Him.
- **Chapters 1-4** cover justification judicially. **Chapters 5-8** are on Christ as life organically. **Chapter 10** is on the faith of the believers practically.
- Eventually, all three, the righteousness of God, the life of Christ, and the faith of the believers, become the all-inclusive Christ.

#### **The Importance of Faith**

- **Heb. 11:6** – But **without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing [to Him,]** for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
  - Without faith it is impossible for you and me to make God happy.
  - The only thing that can make our God happy every day is for us to **believe in Him**, to **have faith**.
- God requires us only to believe that **He is**.
  - Our God's name is the verb *to be*. He is I Am Who I Am.
  - God is always, eternally, in the present tense.
  - This means that in the whole universe, nothing else is. Only He is because He is **real**.
- Faith is to **stop ourselves from doing anything** but to make **God everything to us**.
  - Faith **joins** us with God to make God the only One who is.
  - To believe that God is, is so deep. It implies that you are not, but He is.

- To **deny ourselves** equals to believe that God is, and to believe that God is equals to deny ourselves.

### The Source of Faith

- Faith comes out of the hearing of the word. Thus, **the source of the faith is the word**.
- There are three aspects of the word.
  - The **written** word of God—the Bible
  - The **living** word of God—Christ
  - The **applied** word of God—the Spirit
  - The living word **becomes** the applied word through the Spirit.
- Faith comes from the hearing of this **applied** word by the Spirit **through** the **living** Christ **out of** the **written** Bible.
- All three—the written word, the living word, and the applied word—refer to **God Himself**.
  - Thus, the source of faith is God.
  - **The more of God we have, the more faith we have.**

### The Effect of Faith

- **Nothing** is impossible to faith.
  - Faith and God, God and faith, are one.
  - If you have God in you, this God becomes faith.
  - Thus, **just as nothing is impossible to God, nothing is impossible to faith.**
- We are the members of the **family**, the **household**, of the faith. This faith house is a house that believes in God through His word.
- The believers' faith in Christ brings us into a **life union** with Christ.

### The Believers Living Christ by This Faith

- The believers live Christ by the faith of Christ, the Son of God.
- When we **call on Him**, Christ becomes the faith imparted into us so that we **spontaneously** live Him by this faith.
- **Whatever way we call upon the Lord is right.** The infusing of Christ in us causes us to have Him in us as our faith, which is the linking organ that links you with Him. This is the way to live Christ.
- **We believers do not walk by sight, by appearance, but by faith.**
  - When sight is here, we see all the material things.

- When faith comes in, all these physical things disappear.
- To walk by faith is to walk by something you do not know.
- We also suffer **persecution** by this faith.
  - If we are going to follow the Lord, you have to walk by faith, not being threatened by any kind of opposition.
- **Heb. 12:2** – Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith...
  - We need to look away from **everything** other than Jesus.
  - To learn to walk and suffer by faith, you have to **look away from all things**.
- Christ is making His home in our hearts “through faith.”
- God’s **righteousness** is revealed in the gospel out of faith and to faith.
  - Righteousness is very crucial, but it is revealed to us only out of faith and to faith.
  - God wants us to practice righteousness, and our initial righteousness is faith.
- The reason we do not prophesy, that we do not speak for the Lord, speak the Lord forth, and speak the Lord into others, is mainly because **our exercise of faith is short**.

### **The Way to Receive Such a Faith**

- The way to receive such a faith is to **contact its source**, the Lord, the processed and consummated God, by **calling** on Him, **praying** to Him, and **pray-reading** His Word.
- At **any time, anywhere**, we can contact Him. Just call on Him and say a little word to Him. Then we will receive faith.

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