

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 Linking Faith

- When we heard the gospel, faith came into us. This faith brought us into a life union with Christ. This union is a kind of **linking**.
- We have the faith, the initial faith, produced in us. It remains in us and **goes on** all the time, unless we stop it.
 - We not only have life but also live by what we have. **We live by faith**. This is the linking faith that continues with us in our living.
- **Gal. 2:20** – I am crucified with Christ; and [it is] no longer I [who] live, but [it is] Christ [who] lives in me; and **the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the [faith] of the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
 - We live by faith, and this faith is not our faith. This faith is the faith **of** the Son of God.
- Initially, we received the faith, which was God coming into us. But now we still **live by this faith** in the second stage.
 - We have life by the faith of God, and we live this life by the faith of the Son of God.
 - **Faith in the second stage comes into us by our contacting God in Christ.**
- 2 Peter 1:1 says that God **allotted** faith to us.
 - God's allotting faith to us means that He **allotted Himself** to us.
 - Christ is our lot, and faith is also our lot because faith and Christ are one thing.
- We grow in life by **faith linking us to Christ**.
 - We all have the **same faith in quality**, but the **quantity of faith we have depends upon how much we contact the living God** so that we may have Him increased in us.
- The linking faith is the **divine requirement** for the overcomers to meet Christ in His triumphant return.
 - The believers who live an overcoming and exulting life by the linking faith will be found by Christ at His return as the **treasures** ready to receive the salvation of their souls as the end (result) of their faith.

Faith Being the First Issue of the Lord's Superabounding Grace

- **1 Tim. 1:14** – And the grace of our Lord **superabounded** with faith and love in Christ Jesus.
 - Faith is the **first issue** of the Lord's superabounding grace.
 - **Following faith come other virtues**, until the issue reaches love.
 - This **superabounding grace** is not some thing or matter but the Triune God Himself, the processed and consummated Triune God.
 - This processed Triune God is now within us to be the enjoyment in us of the divine unsearchable riches in Christ.
- When we enjoy the processed and consummate Triune God, this enjoyment issues in **all the matters related to the divine life** including the **kingship**.
 - The overcomers will be rewarded by Christ with the co-kingship and the top enjoyment of the divine life with Him in the millennium.
- Faith is the **indicator** of the believers' life in the enjoyment of the Divine Trinity.

The Divine Transfer of the Believers from Adam to Christ

- In our **natural birth**, we were born in Adam.
 - In Adam we were of the **old creation** and were fallen.
 - We became **sinners** before God with sin in our nature.
 - We became **dead in our spirit** because of sin in our flesh.
 - We became **God's enemies** by following God's enemy, Satan.
- In Adam we were **sentenced by God to die**, to perish in the lake of fire forever.
- God's dynamic salvation is the **divine transfer** that rescues us from everything in Adam.
- We were chosen by God the Father to be **holy** to partake of His holy nature and predestinated unto sonship to possess His divine life.
 - If we are in Adam, we are finished. If we are in Christ, we have God's nature and possess God's life.
 - We are **judicially redeemed**, forgiven, justified, and reconciled to God.
 - We are **organically regenerated** to be the many sons of God, the many brothers of Christ, for the constitution of the church, the Body of Christ.
 - We are **sanctified** by the Spirit of life with the element of the divine nature; renewed from the oldness of our old man by the Spirit of life; transformed by the Lord Spirit with the element of Christ; conformed through transformation in life to the image of the firstborn Son of God, making us the many God-men.

- We are **delivered out of the evil kingdom of Satan**, that is, the authority of darkness, freed from the warring, subduing, and killing power of sin, freed from the yoke of slavery of the law, and freed from the vanity of the old creation and the slavery of corruption.
- We are **freed from the vanity of the old creation**.
- We are **made a royal priesthood** and a holy nation.

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