

## THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

I have good news. The gospel is the righteousness of God for those who believe. That is REALLY good news because none of us are righteous. Standing on our own two feet puts us fully under God's judgment and wrath. The cost of our sin is death - it's what we all deserve. This was true for Abraham and David and it's true for us. We have no hope if we rely on our works for justification before God. Neither did Israel. The law couldn't save Israel. It exposed their sinfulness and pointed them to their need for a righteous savior.

Do NOT think for a minute that your attempt at obedience can make you right with God. He is holy and just and cannot tolerate sin. And we ALL have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. BUT GOD. He made a promise and he kept it. He knew both our condition and His. God sent His perfectly righteous Son Jesus to pay our sin debt.

2 Samuel 13-14; Acts 28  
2 Sam 15-17; Psalms 3, 63; Romans 1  
2 Sam 18-20; Psalm 34; Romans 2  
2 Sam 21-23; Psalm 18; Romans 3  
2 Sam 24; 1 Chr 21; Romans 4

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. Taking an inventory of your day to day thoughts and activities, what is it that you worship? Have you tried to replace God with something or someone else?
2. When are you tempted to try and perform your way into God's acceptance? How do you need to course correct?
3. How does the brokenness evident in Israel during David's time and in our world today make you appreciate God's grace? How does it comfort you? Who do you know that needs to experience that grace?
4. How do you face times of immense grief? Where do you turn first to find comfort and strength in those moments?
5. Psalm 34:17 tells us that the Lord hears and rescues. What do you need to ask the Lord for? Do you believe he hears your cry? Are you willing to accept his response even if it's not what you want?

**FINAL THOUGHT**

The Lord heard our cry and rescued us from our sin. He did this through the perfect life, death and resurrection of His son Jesus. By grace through faith in Jesus we stand justified before God. That is good news.

**SOMETHING EXTRA**

Check out this Bible Project video on the book of Romans.

[https://youtu.be/ej\\_6dVdJSIU?si=mS1peFqtbpCp3kUG](https://youtu.be/ej_6dVdJSIU?si=mS1peFqtbpCp3kUG)