

Habakkuk 2:4 & Galatians 3:11 – The Just & Faith Part 2

Twice, in Romans & Galatians, Paul references Habakkuk 2:4, leaving out the pronoun 'his'.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

...The just shall live by faith

Galatians 3:11-12 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is evident*: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

...The just shall live by faith

In The Just & Faith Part 1, we asked the question why. Following is the answer.

First, gross misinterpretation is given to Galatians 3:11, by those believing that in Paul's statement ... "But that NO MAN is justified by the law in the sight of God", that Paul was being inclusive of those under the Mosaic Covenant. False! This wrong narrative is missed by same group of people who fail to recognize the distinction between the FAITH that WAS and the FAITH that WAS TO COME...

Galatians 3:22-26 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

...that the promise by FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST

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...But BEFORE FAITH CAME, we were kept under the law

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During his earthly ministry, Jesus responded to the Jews... "...My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

John 5:17 Before the 'faith of Jesus Christ', there was the 'faith of God' in which the Jew was accountable to, via living 'by HIS faith' under the Mosaic Covenant... "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?" **Romans 3:1-3**

...For what IF SOME DID NOT BELIEVE?

...shall THEIR UNBELIEF make the FAITH OF GOD without effect?

'Faith', as used here in reference to all three (faith of God; faith of Jesus Christ; by his faith), speaks to the faithfulness & trustworthiness of each.

As proved in Part 1, imputed righteousness was based on faithful obedience to the law. The means & method of God's provided righteousness under the law, which was the law, came to an end via the 'faith of Christ', which was the FAITH TO COME... "For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." **Romans 10:4**

...For CHRIST *is* the END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

...to EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH

The explanation behind the 'faith of Christ', which was to come, is detailed in the following passages:

2 Corinthians 5:19-21 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

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Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

...Who, being in the FORM OF GOD

...was made in the LIKENESS OF MEN

...became obedient unto death, even the DEATH OF THE CROSS

Galatians 3:10-14 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

...Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, BEING MADE A CURSE FOR US

...That the blessing of Abraham might come on the GENTILES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

...that we might receive the PROMISE of the Spirit THROUGH FAITH

We're now going to consider the opposite contrasts of justification & righteousness as presented by Paul's gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery (Rom 16:25-26).

Keep in mind, in this comparison, that God still dealt with Israel on the bases of 'by (his) faith', under the kingdom gospel, and that Acts being transitional in nature, the Jew was still keeping the law as late as Acts 21... "And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of JEWS there are WHICH BELIEVE; and THEY ARE ALL ZEALOUS OF THE LAW:" **Acts 21:20**

PAULINE CONTRASTS TO O.T. JUSTIFICATION:

L = LAW G = GRACE

L faith of God (**Rom 3:3**)

G faith of Jesus Christ (**Gal 3:22**)

L righteousness of God > law (**Dt 6:25; Rom 3:21**)

G righteousness of God > Jesus Christ (**Rom 3:22; 10:3-4**)

L by 'his' faith (**Hab 2:4**)

G believing in Faith of Jesus Christ (**Gal 3:22**)

L not of faith (**Gal 3:12**)

G by Faith of Jesus Christ (**Gal 2:16**)

L by faith w/law (**Rom 9:31-32**)

G by faith without law (**Rom 3:21-22**)

L living under curse of law (**Du 27:26**)

G Christ made a curse for us (**Gal 3:10-14**)

L sin imputed (**Rom 5:13**)

G sin not imputed (**2Cor 5:19**)

L for all have sinned (**Rom 3:23**)

G righteousness freely by grace (**Rom 3:24**)

L righteousness of debt w/works (**Rom 4:4**)

G righteousness via believing (**Rom 4:5**)

L baptized unto Moses (**1Co 10:1-2**)

G baptized into Jesus Christ (**1Co 12:13; 2Co 5:17**)

L token of circumcision (**Gen 17:11; Ex 12:44-48**)

G seal of the Spirit (**Eph 1:13**)

L circumcision by faith (**Rom 3:30**)

G uncircumcision through faith (**Rom 3:30**)

L live by his faith (**Hab 2:4**)

G live by faith of Son of God (**Gal 2:20**)

L righteousness via living the law (**De 6:25; Rom 8:4**)

G righteousness via walking after the Spirit (**Rom 8:1-4**)

L law of works (**Rom 3:27**)

G law of faith (**Rom 3:27-28; 10:5-6**)

L works perquisite for Israel (**De 6:25; Lev 18:5**)

G Israel remnant without works (**Rom 11:5-6**)

L works perquisite for Israel (**De 6:25; Lev 18:5**)

G Gentile by grace through faith without works (**Eph 2:8-9**)

L loving God a perquisite before (**De 5:10; 6:5-6**)

G love of Christ constraineth us after (**2Cor 5:14**)

L works of law a perquisite (**De 6:25; Lev 18:5**)

G Gentile works to follow (**Eph 2:8-9, 10**)

L Spirit through works (**Ez 36:26-27; Ac 2:38**)

G Spirit through faith (**Gal 3:2,14**)

Today, in this dispensation of the grace of God, imputed righteousness for justification is not based on one's faithful obedience, but on the faithful obedience of another... "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, BUT BY THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST, even WE HAVE BELIEVED IN JESUS CHRIST, that WE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." **Gal 2:16**