Are you a Berean at Heart

Acts 17:11

- 10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto **Berea:** who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.
- 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

A. Understanding How Faith and Grace Operate

James 2:18-26

- 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.
- 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
- 21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

The word **wrought means** to be a fellow-worker, i.e. co-operate.

- 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
- 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
- 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot **justified by works**, when she had **received** the messengers, **and had sent them out another way**?
- 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Galatians 5:4-6

- 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are **justified by the law**; ye are **fallen from grace.**
- 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.
- 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

John 14:15

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Titus 2:11-12

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 **Teaching us** that, **denying ungodliness** and **worldly lusts**, we should **live soberly**, **righteously**, and **godly**, in this present world;

To be saved by grace **you have to apply** what grace teaches you. To be saved through faith **you must apply** how faith operates.

Grace teaches us: denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Faith works by love and Faith without works is dead being alone.

Jesus said,

John 14:15

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments..

So to fulfill what the Apostle Paul spoke in:

Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

You must then apply the process of each into the verse.

Ephesians 2:8 Brackets inserted by me

8 For by grace [which teaches us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world] are ye saved through faith; [which worketh by love.] and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

So if faith works by love, and Jesus said, If ye love me, keep my commandments; then you are saved by grace through obedient faith which works by love, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of grace given by God.

1 John 5:3

3 For this is **the love of God**, that we **keep his commandments**: and his commandments **are not grievous.**

With this understanding of how grace works and how faith operates

You then remember that....

2 Timothy 3:16

16 **All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness:

Then we all follow after what Jesus tells us to do, which is....

Jesus told us we must repent.

Luke 13:3,5

- 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
- 5 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent**, ye shall **all likewise perish**.

Jesus told us we must believe and be baptized.

Mark 16:16

16 He that **believeth and is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Matthew 28:19

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them in the name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Jesus told his disciples what to do and revealed the name to them.

Luke 24:47

47 And that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached **in his name** among all nations, **beginning at Jerusalem.**

The disciples were obedient and fulfilled both Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:47.

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and **be baptized every one** of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the **remission of sins**, and **ye shall receive** the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For **the promise** is unto you, and to **your children**, and to **all that are afar off**, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Colossians 3:17

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

This would include the baptism.

The foundation that the Gospel stands on....

Ephesians 2:20

20 And are built upon the foundation of **the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Jesus was both an Apostle and Prophet.

Hebrews 3:1

1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider **the Apostle and High Priest** of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

- 15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee **a Prophet** from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; **unto him** ye shall hearken;
- 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.
- 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.
- 18 I will raise them up a **Prophet** from among their brethren, **like unto thee**, and will **put my words in his mouth**; and **he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him**.
- 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto **my words which he shall speak in my name**, I will require it of him.

And the scriptures agree that we must be obedient to the faith.

Romans 1:5

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for **obedience to the faith** among all nations, for his name:

Romans 16:25-26

- 25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to **the revelation of the mystery**, which was kept secret since the world began,
- 26 But **now is made manifest**, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **made known to all nations for the obedience of faith**:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- 2 **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures;
- 4 And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures:

And how do we partake of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? By being born again of water and of the Spirit. (John 3:1-7). This is fulfilled by applying Acts 2:38 which reads, "Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and **be baptized every one** of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the **remission of sins**, and **ye shall receive** the gift of the Holy Ghost."

B. Understanding the Difference between the Works of Faith and the Works of the Law

John 5:39

39 **Search the scriptures**; for in them **ye think ye have eternal life**: and they are they which testify of me.

Romans 3:19-20

- 19 Now we know that what things soever **the law saith**, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped**, and **all the world may become guilty** before God.
- 20 <u>Therefore by the deeds of the law</u> there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:24-28

- 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness** for **the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- 26 To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might be **just**, and **the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.
- 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
- 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

But remember faith without works is dead being alone. The works of faith is not the works of the Mosaic Law. Faith is an action word that requires an action in accordance to what you believe.

James 2:21-23

- 21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Romans 3:31

31 Do we then **make void** the law through faith? God forbid: yea, **we establish the law**.

Matthew 5:17

17 **Think not that I am come** to destroy the law, or the prophets: <u>I am not come to destroy</u>, **but to fulfil.**

Galatians 3:21-22

- 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
- 22 But the scripture hath concluded **all under sin**, that **the promise by faith of Jesus Christ** might be given **to them that believe.**

And if you believe, then **we must be obedient** to the gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ **and the keeping** of God's commandments **in accordance to our faith** that we believe that God raised up Jesus our Lord from the grave.

Remember that under the Old Testament Covenant there was no remission for sins and the penalty of death was not yet taken back by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hebrews 10:9

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

Hebrews 2:14-16

- 14 Forasmuch then as **the children** are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself** likewise took part of the same; **that through death** he might **destroy him** that had **the power of death**, that is, **the devil**;
- 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
- 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Romans 4:1-3

- 1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?
- 2 For **if Abraham** were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.
- 3 For **what saith the scripture**? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

This is important to understand. Remember the Apostle James said, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works."

The Apostle Paul and the Apostle James are talking of different works. The Apostle Paul asked a question in verse 1 and answered it in verse 3. The answer was by faith and the Apostle James gives us further explanation of the Apostle Paul's words.

James 2:20-23

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead**?

The topic is faith!!

- 21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God**, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

This is exactly what the Apostle Paul said above. He asked the question in verse 1 and in verse 2 said, "**if Abraham** were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God" This is because the topic from verse 1 is found in the prior verses which is speaking of the Mosaic Law versus faith.

Even though the Mosaic Law had not yet come during Abraham's lifetime, the Apostle Paul is speaking to people who understand the Mosaic Law and is telling them that Abraham was not justified by works of the flesh, but was justified by the works of faith.

Romans 4:4-5

- 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
- 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

But this **does not make void the works that accompany faith**. The works that accompany faith are not the works of the flesh nor of the Mosaic Law.

James 2:20-23

- 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead**?
- 21 Was not Abraham our father **justified by works**, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
- 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
- 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God**, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Galatians 3:16-18

- 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.
- 17 And this I say, that **the covenant**, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, **the law**, which was **four hundred and thirty years after**, <u>cannot disannul</u>, that it should make the promise of none effect.
- 18 For **if the inheritance** be of the law, **it is no more of promise**: but God gave it to Abraham **by promise.**

Romans 4:13-14

- 13 For **the promise**, that he should be the **heir of the world**, <u>was not to Abraham</u>, <u>or to his seed</u>, <u>through the law</u>, **but through the righteousness of faith**.
- 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, **faith is made void**, and **the promise made of none effect:**

Romans 4:4-5

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Galatians 3:12

12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Romans 4:16

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

Galatians 3:23-24

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster** to bring us unto Christ, that we might be **justified by faith.**

Galatians 3:12

12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

C. The True Tabernacle in the Heavens

Hebrews 6:13-20

- 13 For **when God made promise to Abraham**, because he could swear by no greater, **he sware by himself**,
- 14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
- 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, **he obtained** the promise.
- 16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.
- 17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto **the heirs of promise** the **immutability** of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:
- 18 That by **two immutable** things, in which **it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon **the hope** set before us:
- 19 **Which hope** we have as <u>an anchor of the soul</u>, both **sure and stedfast**, and which entereth into **that within the veil**;
- 20 Whither **the forerunner** is for us entered, **even Jesus**, made an high priest for ever after the **order of Melchisedec.**

Hebrews 8:1-2

- 1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
- 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Hebrews 9:8-12

- 8 The **Holy Ghost** this signifying, **that the way into the holiest of all** was not yet made manifest, while as **the first tabernacle** was yet standing:
- 9 **Which was a figure** for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, **as pertaining to the conscience**;
- 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them **until the time of reformation.**
- 11 **But Christ** being come **an high priest of good things** to come, by a greater and **more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, **not of this building**;
- 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 8:3-4

3 For **every high priest** is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore **it is of necessity** that this man have somewhat also to offer.

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

D. The Earthly Tabernacle Served as an Example and Shadow of Heavenly Things

Hebrews 8:5-7

- 5 Who serve unto the **example and shadow of heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make **the tabernacle**: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things **according to the pattern** showed to thee in the mount.
- 6 But now hath he obtained **a more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.
- 7 For **if that first covenant** had been faultless, **then should no place** have been sought for the second.

Romans 3:19-20

19 Now we know that what things soever **the law saith**, it saith to them **who are under the law**: that every mouth **may be stopped**, and **all the world may become guilty before God**.
20 Therefore **by the deeds of the law** there shall no **flesh be justified** in his sight: **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Galatians 3:21-22

- 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
- 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Again, this being because remission of sins had not yet come and the penalty of death was still upon mankind.

Hebrews 8:8-13

- 8 For **finding fault with them**, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:
- 9 **Not according** to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.
- 10 For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws** into their mind, and **write them** in their hearts: and **I will be** to them a God, and **they shall be** to me a people:
- 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: **for all shall know me**, from the least to the greatest.
- 12 For **I** will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
- 13 In that he saith, **A new covenant**, he hath made **the first old.** Now that which decayeth and waxeth old **is ready to vanish away.**

Hebrews 9:1-9

- 1 Then verily **the first covenant** had also ordinances of divine service, and **a worldly sanctuary**.
- 2 For there was **a tabernacle made**; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called **the sanctuary.**
- 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
- 4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and **the tables of the covenant**:
- 5 And over it the cherubims of glory **shadowing the mercyseat**; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
- 6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always **into the first tabernacle**, accomplishing the service of God.
- 7 **But into the second went the high priest alone once every year**, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:
- 8 The **Holy Ghost this signifying**, that the way into the holiest of all **was not yet made manifest**, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:
- 9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

Mark 15:37-38

- 37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.
- 38 And **the veil of the temple** was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

Upon the death of Jesus Christ, the way into **the Holiest of all** was now going to be by the blood of the Lamb, which was shed for the remission of sins.

The services as pertaining to the worldly sanctuary....

Hebrews 9:10-11

- 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of **reformation.**
- 11 But Christ being come an **high priest** of good things to come, by **a greater and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, **not of this building**;

Hebrews 8:2

2 **A minister** of the sanctuary, and of the **true tabernacle**, which **the Lord pitched**, and not man.

Hebrews 9:12

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have **a great high priest**, that is passed **into the heavens**, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

- 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in **all points** tempted like as we are, **yet without sin**.
- 16 Let us therefore **come boldly** unto **the throne of grace**, that we may **obtain mercy**, and **find grace** to help **in time of need.**

Hebrews 9:24

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Hebrews 9:13-15

- 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
- 14 **How much more** shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

Dead works referring to the works of the Mosaic Law.

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that **by means of death,** for the **redemption of the transgressions** that were under **the first testament**, they which are called might **receive the promise** of eternal inheritance.

Galatians 3:21-22

- 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
- 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Hebrews 9:16-22

- 16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.
- 17 For a testament is of force **after men are dead**: otherwise it is of no strength at all **while the testator liveth.**
- 18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.
- 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, **he took the blood** of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,
- 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
- 21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.
- 22 And almost all things are by the law **purged with blood**; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**

Likewise the New Testament!

Matthew 26:27-28

- 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;
- 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Hebrews 9:23-28

- 23 It was therefore **necessary** that **the patterns of things in the heavens** should be purified with these; but **the heavenly things** themselves with **better sacrifices** than these.
- 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places **made with hands**, which are **the figures of the true**; but into **heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
- 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place **every year** with **blood of others**;
- 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now **once in the end of the world** hath he appeared **to put away sin** by the **sacrifice of himself.**
- 27 And as it is appointed unto men **once to die**, but after this the judgment:
- 28 So Christ was **once offered** to bear **the sins of many**; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time **without sin unto salvation.**

Isaiah 50:6-9

- 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.
- 7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.
- 8 He is near that **justifieth me**; who will **contend with me?** let us stand together: who is **mine adversary**? let him come **near to me.**
- 9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Hebrews 10:1-23

10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Why? There was not yet remission of sins.

- 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers **once purged** should have had **no more conscience of sins.**
- 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.
- 4 For **it is not possible** that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
- 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body** hast thou prepared me:
- 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.
- 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;
- 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first**, that he may **establish the second.**
- 10 By the which will we are **sanctified** through the offering **of the body** of Jesus Christ **once for all.**

- 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes **the same** sacrifices, which **can never take away sins:**
- 12 But **this man**, after **he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;
- 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
- 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
- 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,
- 16 **This is the covenant** that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws** into their hearts, and **in their minds** will I write them;
- 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.
- 18 Now where **remission of these is**, there is **no more offering for sin**.
- 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
- 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
- 21 And having an high priest over the house of God;
- 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
- 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith **without wavering**; (for he is **faithful** that promised;)

E. Justification unto Life Eternal

Hebrews 10:38-39

- 38 Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
- 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of **them that believe** to the **saving** of the soul.

Romans 4:17-25

- 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him **whom he believed**, even God, **who quickeneth the dead**, and **calleth those things** which be not as though they were.
- 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
- 19 And being not weak **in faith**, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
- 20 **He staggered not** at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong **in faith**, giving **glory to God**;
- 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
- 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
- 23 Now it was **not written for his sake alone**, that it was imputed to him;
- 24 **But for us also**, to whom it shall be imputed, **if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead**;
- 25 Who was **delivered for our offences**, and was raised again for **our justification**.

Romans 8:1-4

- 1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit.**
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what **the law** could not do, in that it was **weak through the flesh**, God sending his own Son **in the likeness** of sinful flesh, and **for sin, condemned sin** in the flesh:
- 4 That **the righteousness of the law** might be fulfilled **in us,** who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit.**

Romans 3:21-28

- 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
- 22 Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them **that believe:** for there is no difference:
- 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation **through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- 26 To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness:** that he might be **just**, and **the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.
- 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
- 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 5:1-2

- 1 Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 2 By whom also **we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

F. The Righteousness which is of Faith

Romans 9:30-33, 10:1-4

- 30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, **even the righteousness which is of faith.**
- 31 But Israel, which **followed after the law of righteousness**, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
- 32 Wherefore? Because **they sought it not by faith**, but as it were **by the works of the law**. For **they stumbled at that stumblingstone**;
- 33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but **not according to knowledge.**

- 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Galatians 3:12-14

- 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
- 13 **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:
- 14 That **the blessing of Abraham** might come on the Gentiles **through Jesus Christ**; that we might **receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

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- 1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit.**
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Romans 10:5

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Galatians 3:6-14

- 6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.
- 7 Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith**, the same are **the children of Abraham**.
- 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen **through faith**, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed.**
- 9 So then they which **be of faith** are blessed **with faithful Abraham**.
- 10 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.
- 11 But that **no man is justified by the law in the sight of God**, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

Galatians 3:16-18

- 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.
- 17 And this I say, that **the covenant**, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, **the law**, which was four hundred and thirty years after, **cannot disannul**, that it should make the promise of none effect.
- 18 For if **the inheritance be of the law**, it is **no more of promise**: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Romans 4:13-14

- 13 **For the promise**, that he should be **the heir of the world**, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, **but through the righteousness of faith.**
- 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, **faith is made void**, and the promise made of **none effect:**

Galatians 3:25-27

- 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
- 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.