

Reigning With Life Part 2

Romans 5:17

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Romans 5:17 (NLT)

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it, will live in triumph over sin and death (including COVID) through this one man, Jesus Christ.

God has called us to reign in life, over death.

Reign— Gr. basileuō, [bas-il-yoo'-o] to reign as a king or the governor of a province; of the rule of the Messiah; of the reign of Christians in the millennium

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Zoe- the absolute fulness of life, the way that God has it... 'on earth as it is in Heaven'.

Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

- Habakkuk 2:4 (NLT) "Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God."
- Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
 1. Romans 1:17 (NLT) This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."
- Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
 1. Galatians 3:11 (Wuest - The New Testament: An Expanded Translation) But that in a sphere of law no one is being justified in the sight of God is clear, because, The righteous man shall live by means of faith.
- Hebrews 10:37-39 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 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.
 1. Hebrews 10:37-39 (Wuest)

For yet a little, a very little while, and He who comes will come and will not delay. 38 Now, my righteous person shall live by faith. But if he draw back in fear, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But as for us, we are not of the shrinking-back kind who draw back to perdition, but of the believing kind who believe to the end of the saving of the soul.

1. The just shall live by faith. What does that mean?
 - It means being a doer of the Word.
2. “my righteous person shall live by faith. But if he draw back in fear, my soul shall have no pleasure in him”
 - Why do we drawing back in fear”
 - Because it’s uncomfortable... Usually on our soul.
 - Solution? ...James 1:21 (NLT) So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.
 - The Word has the power to deliver our souls.
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Hebrews 12:28-29

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- Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire (refiner’s fire).
 - The Holy Spirit is ther Spirit of Truth Who uses fire; **it is one of His symbols.**
 - Fire: refining, purifying, cleansing, decontaminating
- Hebrews 12:27-29 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

There are times when it FEELS like walking by faith will cost you everything. This is where people ask God to “let me out.”

- **Out of my marriage**
- **Out of my vocation**
- **Out of my diet 😊**

But, the just are to live by faith!

Where does faith come from?

- Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
 - Romans 10:15-18 (NLT) 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" 16 But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "Lord, who has believed our message?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. 18 But I ask, have the people of Israel actually heard the message? Yes, they have: "The message has gone throughout the earth, and the words to all the world."
 - The Word gets sown by preachers...

Doer of the Work

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

James 1:19-27 (NLT) Listening and Doing

19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. 20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

Anger comes from feelings in our soul when pressure is put on us from things like: stress, family problems, financial issues, disrespect, etc... **Sometimes the anger is legitimate and sometimes perceived.**

21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself (*in the light of God's Word*), walk away, and forget what you look like.

25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

26 If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. 27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.