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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 gospel reveals the righteousness of God, the abolishment of death, and the life and immortality that is by Jesus Christ within a believer (Rom 1:17, 2 Tim 1:8-10). The belief of the believer does not make these a fact. The Spirit gives the the person faith (Gal 5:22) so that the gospel concerning Jesus Christ might be believed and these things be revealed as truth (Eph 5:9) and applicable to the believer. In this the believer is saved from the darkness and deception of the world to the light and truth of the work of Jesus Christ on his behalf, and finds a hope and joy that he did not previously experience. The believer discovers that Jesus loved him and gave himself for him (Galatians 2:20) and thus experiences the current state of justification before God, that was wrought by Jesus Christ, before his own conscience. It is then a conscious principle in his life, thereby the just live by faith (Rom 1:17). It is salvation in this life to have his eternal salvation revealed to a believer (Rom 1:16).