



JUSTIFICATION THRU FAITH

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Romans 5:1-11*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

We are justified thru faith by the love that was demonstrated at Calvary by Jesus Christ; freeing us from sin and its penalties. God uses the "faith" way instead of the "works" way (*Romans 1:17*). He gives His righteousness only to those who have faith, and only they can have it shown to them. Faith, in the case of salvation and righteousness, is distrusting oneself and trusting God. It is believing that what He says is true before we see that it is (*Psalm 118:8; Proverbs 28:26*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. God sent His Son into this world so that through Him the world might be saved. He provided a way of salvation for all who seek it (*John 3:16-17*).
2. Jesus rose again from death; therefore, we have the assurance that if we experience physical death before the rapture, we too shall rise and meet the Lord (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*).
3. Salvation is available to all. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).*
4. The seven ones: *"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).*

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Doctrine relates to teaching. *I Timothy 4:13* tells us, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." This is exactly what the Apostolic Faith Church does. In obedience to the Lord's calling, Pastor Charles and Sis. Ada Lochbaum arrived in the Hawaiian Islands on August 4, 1923, and began the Lord's work of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and praying for the sick and afflicted. Because their work was established upon the Rock, Jesus Christ (*Matthew 16:18*), and justified thru faith, the gospel work prospered tremendously. Up to May 1929, 2,347 souls were baptized and 976 filled with the Holy Ghost. Due to the rapid growth of the Church, doctrines (teachings) were adopted for the spiritual guidance, education and benefit of all members and others who join the Church. Of the seventeen doctrines adopted, one in particular is related to "Justification."

LESSON SUMMARY:

Thank the Lord for the truth. When we accepted the Lord as our personal Savior according to *John 3:5* and *Acts 2:38*, we put our entire trust and faith in the one true God and were justified thru faith; declared righteous and free from sin's power, guilt and penalty. Now that we are justified we are entitled to many benefits in the Lord. To name a few: **1)** We have peace with God, a deep-settled, lasting peace (*Romans 5:1*). The world is crying for peace but there will be no peace until the Lord comes again. **2)** We can approach the Lord directly, freely, and without hesitation. The middle wall, or barrier, between God and man was broken down. We are not strangers to God anymore. We are part of God's household, part of God's family (*Ephesians 2:14, 19*). **3)** God's grace, love and kindness are continually available to us (*Ephesians 2:8*). **4)** We have hope in the Lord. The most wonderful thing that could happen is for the Lord to take us home with Him (*Titus 3:7*).

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