

# THE LIFE OF FAITH

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## INTRO:

Resurrection Day has occurred. Christ is risen and is victorious over sin, death, and the grave. Redemption is complete. Jesus is seated on the throne where He sits as High Priest, Mediator, Advocate, Intercessor and Surety of the New Covenant. Before His Ascension, He commissioned His disciples to preach the Gospel to every creature. Why the Gospel?

## ROM. 1:16-17

- 1.) It's the power that saves, delivers, heals, preserves, makes whole.
- 2.) In it, God's righteousness is revealed.
  - A.) Righteousness is not something we earn on our own. It's the work of God, not human accomplishment.
  - B.) Our right standing before God comes from responding to the Gospel that says Jesus was made sin for us.
- 3.) It reveals how the believer is to live.
  - A.) By Faith: From start to finish, from our day one until our last day on Earth, we are to live by faith.
  - B.) Why? **HEB. 4:1-2** Without faith the Gospel doesn't benefit us.

## Faith-A Tender Plant - MT. 14:28-31

- 1.) "Come". We must have a word from God – faith comes by hearing. Once out of the boat, we're vulnerable to mental challenges. The challenge is to stay focused and not doubt.
  - A.) Healing: Don't get out of the boat without God's Word being what we're walking on. Peter was walking on "come", not water!
    - Woman with the blood issue could've stopped when she saw the crowd. Her focus was on Jesus, not the crowd.
- 2.) How Faith Comes. **ROM. 10:13-17**
  - A.) Hearing, believing, and acting are faith's three components. Speaking, being the primary action of faith unless we are given a specific directive by God (Naaman).
    - Anoint with oil.
    - Laying on of hands.
    - Speaking God's Word. T.B. Testimony (Yeomans)
  - B.) There are many Gospel benefits available for every believer. God wants us to get out of the boat, use our faith, resist the obstacles, and possess what Jesus purchased for us with His blood.

## Conclusion:

Without faith we can't be saved, please God, resist the devil, overcome the world, or possess our promised land. To be continued!