Faith: Life

A Sermon by Charles H. Spurgeon[1]

Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38

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Introduction: (Proverbs 4:23)

"The just shall live by his faith."—Habakkuk 2:4.

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I. In The Great Change From Condemnation To Justification

A. Deliverance from Condemnation

1. Opening thoughts: Martin Luther

2. Mistaken and futile ways

a. Works (1 Peter 3:18; Romans 3:20)

b. Religious observances

i. Church attendance

ii. Bible reading (John 5:39-40)

iii. Prayer (Ephesians 2:1)

c. Terror of conscience (1 Kings 18:28)

3. The only way (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 3:11)

B. The Joy of Deliverance (Acts 13:39; 1 Peter 1:8; John 3:18; Luke 7:47; Romans 8:1; 5:1-2)

II. The Whole After-Life of the Christian, After He Is Made To Live, Is Still By Faith

A. The Believer Lives In No Other Way But By Faith

1. Opening thoughts (1 Peter 2:4)

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2. Not by anything but faith
   a. Not by devotions

   b. Not by works (Titus 2:14; Luke 17:10; Leviticus 16:16-19)

   c. Not by feeling

   d. Not by outward circumstances (Matthew 4:4)

B. The Believer Lives In All Forms Of His Life By Faith

1. Child

2. Pilgrim (Hebrews 11:13; 10; 1 John 5:4)

3. Warrior (Ephesians 6:16; Hebrews 11:33-34)

4. Servant (Romans 6:22; Hebrews 11:6; Zechariah 4:7; Psalm 37:3; Isaiah 33:16; Matthew 28:20)

C. The Believer Lives In Every Case and Every Condition By Faith

1. At their worst: Habakkuk's exposition (Habakkuk 2:4; 3:17-19)

2. At their best: George Müller's[2] example (Genesis 14:23; Job 1:10-11)

3. At their death

[2] George Müller was a contemporary of Spurgeon, famed for running an orphanage by faith, never asking for funds.