

## SOLA FIDE: "FAITH ALONE"

Romans 1.16, 17

### HOW DO WE GET TO HEAVEN?

When Martin Luther first read **Romans 1.16, 17**, he used to hate this verse, because he thought that it meant that we must first become perfect people before we could have faith in God. And even though he was a very religious monk, he still knew deep down that there was no way he could be good enough.

Romans 3.21-28

And that part he got right. But what he got wrong is what it means for "the righteous to live by faith."

**Redemption:** This is a business term. Today we may see something like, "turn in this coupon to redeem your prize." It means to claim or purchase.

**Propitiation:** This means to satisfy. A coupon could "satisfy" the requirement to redeem the prize. In this case, a payment must be made in order to purchase us from the slavery of sin and death, and satisfy the debt we owe.

**Justification:** to declare as righteous. "*Just as if I'd never sinned,*" but also "*just as if I'd always obeyed.*"

### WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

You and I will still fail, we will still sin. Every single day, until the day we die. We can either live in the uncomfortable limbo of not knowing if God still loves us and is going to change His mind, or we can stand in faith and confidence.

### SO WHAT IS FAITH?

**So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"**

-Martin Luther

Galatians 2.16, 20, 21 // Romans 5.1, 2, 10.17 // Galatians 3.26, 5.5  
Ephesians 2.8, 3.12 // Philippians 3.8, 9

**"Learn to know Christ and Him crucified. Learn to sing to Him and say, "Lord, YOU are my righteousness, and I am Your sin. You took on You what was mine, yet set on me what was yours. You became what You were not, that I might become what I was not."**

-Martin Luther



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Matthew 5:16**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty** at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **mid-week High School Ministry meets once a month** here at Classical Academy, in the Study Hall. Email **Casey Barnes** at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv) for info about meeting dates/times or questions about our student ministries.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Romans 3.21-28**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Now read **Galatians 2.20, 21**, and **Romans 8.1**. When you struggle in sin, do you often feel condemnation or shame, or feel like God is unhappy with you? How do these verses help combat those thoughts or feelings? \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday, Jobey mentioned the difference between what is "true" and what is "truth." Read through the first Martin Luther quote in the "So What is Faith" section of the sermon notes. Give a real example from your life of something that is "true," but in keeping with Luther's quote, how you can put your faith in what is "truth" in order to stand in confidence and not condemnation. \_\_\_\_\_

Jobey said that faith isn't just hoping for something that may not actually happen, and it faith is not a mystical way we make things happen, as we can "will them" into existence. What are ways that you have misunderstood faith, only maybe to be let down? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Hebrews 11.1**. How does this short verse teach what biblical faith is? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is faith the only possible way we can receive justification, and why is it so rock solid to trust in? \_\_\_\_\_

Close the night in prayer with each other. Pray for each other's faith. Pray that each person would have a deeper faith, firstly by "Knowing" the truth, then by "Believing" the truth, and then finally by "Trusting" the truth.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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