

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ROME

LIFE

Romans 1:17 “For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

No human being comes into existence by mere happenstance. Genesis 2:7 says, “Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” Yahweh said to Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. . .” (Jeremiah 1:5) Jesus says, “I have come that they (you) may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10) And, St. Paul in today's devotional verse says that you (the righteous) “will live by faith.” (Romans 1:17)

God is the God of life. Jesus came into the world to give you spiritual, eternal, everlasting life. This was necessary because through the sin of Adam and Eve death infected every human being. Not only does sin break the relationship we human beings have with God, but it is the cause that every one of us will die.

As a result of sin, you and every human being lives life with the knowledge that here on earth it will come to an end. Cemeteries and columbaria are a testimony to the mortality of your body. No person can escape the sure and certain fact that their earthly, physical life will come to an end.

As you continue your journey with me through Paul's letter to the Romans you will find that even though your earthly life will end, by God's undeserved love and His gift to you of faith in His Son Jesus, even though your physical body will die, your soul will not. As a believer in Jesus Christ, you have God's promise you possess a life that is everlasting, eternal through your faith connection with Jesus. You have the promise of Jesus, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.” (John 11:25-26)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, keep me in the true faith in my Lord and Savior Jesus that I may have eternal life and salvation. In His holy name. Amen.

Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the-eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!
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