

# HABAKKUK 2:4 NEW TESTAMENT TRILOGY

Habakkuk 2:4 is one of the greatest declarations of faith to be found in all the Bible. It presents a contrast between those who are arrogant, and those who are humbly submissive. It reveals the striking difference between the proud and the just man. In the books of Romans and Galatians, Paul declares that justification by faith is the antithesis of justification by law. Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews were written to expand the phrase of Habakkuk 2:4 which forms a trilogy dealing with the just man and his faith.

## Romans

*...is the commentary on the justified man, and answers the question, who are the just? It is written to prove that we are justified by grace through faith.*

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "**THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**" (Ro.1:16-17)

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## Galatians

*...is the commentary on the Christian life by teaching us what was begun in the Spirit does not finish in the flesh.*

<sup>11</sup>But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "THE JUST **SHALL LIVE** BY FAITH." <sup>12</sup>Yet the law is not of faith, but "THE MAN WHO DOES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM." (Ga.3:11-12)

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## Hebrews

*...is the commentary on faith, and demonstrates the faith of the just (Hebrews 11, Hall of faith). The inspired writer quotes this passage that promises to the faithful one life and surviving persecution.*

<sup>37</sup>"FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY. <sup>38</sup>NOW THE JUST SHALL LIVE **BY FAITH**; BUT IF ANYONE DRAWS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM." (Hb.10:37-38)

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**"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith"**

Habakkuk 2:4

*In Habakkuk's immediate context, he saw the proud flourishing, while the righteous were oppressed. The pride of the Babylonians will be their downfall.*