October 10, 2021 Habakkuk – A Faith that Shines in the Darkness Live This Way Habakkuk 2:4

In the midst of God's answer to Habakkuk, there is one line that stands out. "The righteous shall live by his faith." That is a theologically rich statement. It directs our attention to salvation, life, and faith. It is a powerful reminder for believers that our life is lived by faith. It begins with faith when we are declared righteous. It is sustained by faith as we grow to be more like Jesus. When surrounded by chaos and wickedness the righteous continues to live by faith. The righteous will not just live in this world. It is only by being declared righteous that a person will live beyond this world. In contrast to the wicked in Habakkuk who will be destroyed, even if the righteous die yet they will live. Believers are reminded that no matter what occurs in their lives or on this earth, the righteous will live by faith now, and the reward of that faith will be eternal life with God.

- I. Righteousness is a declaration by the Lord.
- II. Life is given to the righteousness.
- III. Faith is righteousness on display.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 15:8

Acts 1:8

Romans 1:16-17

Galatians 3:10-14

Hebrews 10:32-39

Hebrews 11

Study Questions:

- 1. Describe the connection between Habakkuk 2:4 and Romans 1:16-17. What does this say about justification?
- 2. Describe the connection between Habakkuk 2:4 and Galatians 3:10-14. What does this say about life?
- 3. Describe the connection between Habakkuk 2:4 and Romans Hebrews 10:38 and Hebrews 11. What does this say about faith?
- 4. Why is it difficult to live a life of faith?
- 5. Read John 14:16, 26. What name is given to the Holy Spirit in these verses? How does the Holy Spirit assist you in living the life of faith?
- 6. Which Biblical character's faith inspires you the most and why? What person's faith inspires you the most and why?
- 7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?