

***Justified by Faith***

**RSA - 003**

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I am reading this morning from **Romans, chapter 5**. If you have a Bible to hand, you might like to turn also with me to this amazing chapter. It starts off - **Therefore being justified by faith . . .** You know, earlier in my life, I tried to be justified by my works. My testimony is that I tried to outdo what everybody else was doing and do what I thought God required of me. So I set up certain rules and was rather pleased that I kept a level that was above most people. I attended church and went through all that was required of me there. But, underneath everything, I knew I did not have a living faith in the Lord. It came as quite a shock when, as a young lady in the middle of religious training, trying to do my best to serve God, I realized that I had never been justified by faith! To be ***justified by faith*** means that there is nothing that I can do to earn my salvation. I can only receive, as a gift, from the Lord what He has done. When He died upon the Cross, He met the requirement of meeting the standard of a holy God in that He literally became the Sacrifice upon that altar with His own precious Blood being shed, that I might have my sin paid for.

You know, I was born with a disease of the blood, which is a disease we all have from generation after generation since Adam partook of

that forbidden fruit. He had been told by God that if he took of that, he would at that very moment, die! Die? How could he run around? It was a spiritual death. And, from generation to generation ever since, we have inherited this spiritual death. We are born dead. “How crazy,” you say. No, we are born with the fact that we have been separated from God because of our condition of sin. It is a terrible blood condition. It took the spotless Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He had a body prepared for Him through the Virgin Mary. It was God who conceived in that body, by His Spirit, that which was pure and holy. His Blood was spotless and holy and only by His Blood being shed could the requirement of the law be met that I am free. I have just been **justified**, which means: *just as if I had never sinned*. That position is a position which I enter into by faith.

How do I do this by faith? What do I do? I am so used to trying to keep up all these standards. Well, if I were to give you a gift, you might like the gift. You might look at the gift and you might think you have always wanted that gift, but it will never become yours until, by faith, you put out your hand and personally take the gift, and say, thank you. Receive the gift and it becomes yours. How could it be so simple? It might sound simple for you and me, but it was not simple for a holy God. He sent His holy Son in a spotless body to fulfill every demand in His sinless life, and then to go deliberately to the Cross to pay the price of bearing my sin, upon that Cross, to enable Him to

hand to me the gift of salvation.

Would you be willing today to receive this gift of salvation? Let us pray — *Father, I never realized that I was a sinner. I knew something kept me from You. I knew I believed in You, but You were not close. I didn't realize it was my blood condition, that I was born a sinner. Therefore, Lord, I want to thank You that You sent Your perfect, spotless Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to become sin for me. I thank You it was upon the Cross that He died for my sin. Lord, thank You. That means the price has been paid. I am forgiven! Thank You, Lord. I open my heart and life to receive You at this very moment. And I praise You in Jesus' Name that, **by faith, I have been justified.** Hallelujah, Lord.*

*Amen.*