

GUARDIANS OF FAITH

TEXT: [Hebrews 10:26-31](#), Excerpts from [Hebrews Chapter 11](#)

SUBJECT: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith.

INTRODUCTION: When God says something one time in the Bible we as believers in Jesus should take heed to it. How about when God repeats Himself and says something twice or even three times in the Bible? Should we not think that is pretty important stuff and take it seriously? Well, what about if God says something 4 times in the Bible? There is only one passage of scripture that I can think of that God has stated 4 times in the Bible, and it's found in [Habakkuk 2:4](#), [Romans 1:17](#), [Galatians 3:11](#) and our passage, [Hebrews 10:38](#). That sentence or command is: "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN/ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." In parts 2 and 3 of this message we will look at some really good examples of people who practiced this faith living thing. However, before we can do that I must set the stage for the Guardians of Faith.

- I. Historical Background for the book of Hebrews:
 - A. The Human Author is unknown.
 - B. The book/letter was written to converts from Judaism to Christianity.
 - C. The purpose of the letter was to encourage these Christian Converts to stick with their faith rather than converting back to Judaism; and to show them the Superiority of Christ.

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- II. [Hebrews 10:26ff](#) is actually proof of Eternal Security.
 - A. With the crucifixion of Jesus, Judaism became a dead religion.
 - B. Severe Persecution was causing the Hebrew Baby Christians to either revert back to Judaism with its sacrifices, or else these believers were trying to lower Jesus from The Son of God to a position lower than the Angels; or all of the above.
 - C. The author of Hebrews shows these believers that if they convert back to Judaism, there remains no sacrifice for their sins, because Judaism is dead.
 - D. The author of Hebrews shows these believers that to revert back to Judaism, could bring upon them a fate worse than death. Not one time does he ever mention that they would lose their salvation. The operative word to understanding this is the word, “SACRIFICE”.
 - 1. What could be worse for a Christian than loss of salvation? The Loss of Fellowship with God. Loss of daily Heavenly provisions from God. Sinning unto death.
 - 2. The Apostle Peter and the rest of the Disciples reverted back to being fishermen after the death of Jesus. Jesus both reinstated them *and forgave* them.
- III. The Righteous Man/One shall live by Faith ([Hebrews 10:38](#))
 - A. What is Faith?
 - B. How do we live by Faith?
 - C. How is Faith developed?
 - D. What are the Rewards of Faith?
 - E. When is the last time you shared your faith with anyone?

CONCLUSION: *Without FAITH it is impossible to please GOD!*