



*“The Just Shall Live by Faith!”
The Apostle Paul
Romans 1:17*

**The Just Shall Live by Faith
“The Behavior of a True Believer”
Part One
Romans 12:3-21**

- To the unbeliever, or even to the carnal believer, **religion is an activity to be practiced** – it is a performance of acts of self-righteousness.
- To the true believer, **Christianity is a new way to live, based upon a new relationship with God.**
 - The Hebrew word “walk” means “way of life.”
 - *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* Ephesians 4:1-3
 - We behave what we truly believe – the rest is just religion.

In Romans 12:3-21, the Apostle Paul concluded:

- The believer’s response to the gift of God’s grace will be:
 - **To worship Him** – which means a full surrender unto His Lordship!
 - **To witness Him** – which means to live out that which He has indwelt in us.

1. The Believer and Himself – vs 3-8

- **Think accurately** – we were all saved by the grace of God.
- **Act spiritually** – discover and use the spiritual gift God has entrusted to us.
- **Love sincerely** – without any shadow of hypocrisy.
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2. The Believer and Other Believers – vs 9-13

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3. The Believer and Unbelievers – vs 14-21

- **Witness genuinely** – “Bless those who persecute you.”
- **Walk honestly** – not snobbish or conceited, but rather in an attitude of gratitude for what God has done for us.
- **Live peaceably** – in so far as it is possible, for some people LIVE on their anger against others.

**“We’re here to be worshippers first and workers second.
God meant that a convert should learn to be a worshipper,
and after that he can learn to be a worker.
The work done by a worshipper will have eternity in it!”
– A.W. Tozer**