

THIS 'DEVO' was written from his cell in FoxLake Wisconsin USA, a few days ago.

Marshall has served 22 years of a double homicide life sentence. We met by email on July 31, 2020, as I was preparing to launch the website. Marshall wrote his first Devo which I edited and posted on Facebook on Nov 1, 2020. He, along with his wife (Married Nov 1, 2022 - they met in 2019, Jessica was hired to manage programs at the New Lisbon Correctional Centre - and it was Jessica who introduced me to him). I dearly love this couple which has produced over 1,300 Devos (as Marshall and I call them.)

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Tomorrow's Devo:

May 20, 2026 - Galatians 3:11 - the just shall live by faith

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Galatians 3:11

Hi Everyone!

I have been judged by a lot of people since giving my life to Christ.

I have been judged by nonbelievers every time they thought I sinned, and I have been judged by people in the church for not being "saved enough".

I can post an encouraging word filled with Scripture and a troll would jump in the comments and throw my homicide conviction in my face.

As I am walking in freedom, I have at least three groups of people who are still trying to confine me to bondage.

Praise God that He doesn't think the same way they do! No one is capable of following the law in its entirety, and no matter how many rules you follow, if you haven't placed your faith in Jesus alone for salvation, it is as if you did nothing at all.

Paul is trying to convince a church that is confused by faith doctrine that they don't have to pick up the Law in order to be saved. We need the same convincing!

Today, we will look at Galatians 3:11, the just shall live by faith.

"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for the just shall live by faith."

Paul is trying to show believers how bad it can get by trying to uphold the Mosaic Law.

In Galatians 3:10, the Bible says, ***"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law to do them."***

By picking up the Law, you are obligated to follow every part of it, which is impossible, and by the inability to follow the Law, you walk cursed in the earth. There is a better way.

In Galatians 3:13, the Bible says, ***"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."***

Our inability to follow the Law was atoned for by Jesus' death on the cross, and He became a curse for us, so that the obligation to follow the law would be removed so we can serve God by faith in Jesus.

The word "**justified**" means "to render innocent or free, spoken especially of the justification bestowed by God on me through Christ, in which He is said to regard and treat them as righteous, absolving them from the consequences of sin and admit to the enjoyment of the divine favour."

This is something we couldn't earn on our own, which is why Jesus had to die for the sins of the world.

In Galatians 2:16, the Bible says, "**Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**"

Faith in Jesus Christ for salvation is the key, and many people don't believe that what Jesus did on the cross was enough, that we have to do more to earn our salvation. Please don't believe the lie!

The word "**just**" speaks of those whose hearts are right with God: those righteous, pious, Godly.

The word "**faith**" means "reliance upon Christ for salvation".

In John 3:16, Jesus makes it clear when He says, "**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**"

Believing in Him. Jesus did not once say that we had to put on the law to receive everlasting life. Why do we heap such standards upon ourselves that God never desired for us have?

It is quite evident that God doesn't require us to follow the law in order for us to receive salvation.

In Romans 5:8-9, the Bible says, ***"But God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."***

God didn't wait for us to follow every bit of the law, but He rather made the provision for salvation, when we had no desire to follow any law! The law was never meant to save us!

God Bless!
Marshall & Jessica