

# Sunday, November 15th, 2020

Title: Hearing to Live by Faith

Series: Hearing God...3

Text: Romans 1

## Introduction:

Review of the last Sunday's devotional:

Maintiens Le Droit

1. The Responsibility of Government
2. The Responsibility of Individuals
3. The "Rest" God Promises

## 1. Invitation to Repent:

1.1) The Gospel of God:

Romans 1:1 – 4

*"declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord."* Vs.4

1.2) Paul Declares his Reaction to the Gospel and Defines the Gospel:

~ Paul's Reaction to the Gospel; Romans 1:16 – 17, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

~ Paul Defines the Gospel; 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 9 *"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."*

1.3) Jesus First Message after the Temptation in the Wilderness:

~ Matthew 4:17, *"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

~ Repentance is not a onetime event (1 John 1:8 – 10)

~ Read Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem

## 2. Invitation to Respond:

2:1) As to redemption: John 3

~ Romans 10:8 - 21

~ Romans 5:1 – 2, *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (2) Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."*

~ John 3:31 - 36

2.2) As to daily walk: John 10 and Mark 4

## 3. Invitation to Believe:

- Psalm 1:1 - 6

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

- Joshua 1:8

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

*Cf. James 1:22, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."*

- Matthew 7:24, *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

Believing is NOT just hearing and giving mental assent to, believing is ACTION!

- Matthew 25:23, *"His master said unto him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.'"*