



making sense of ...

Paul...

and a few key words...

gospel...

righteousness of God...

faith in Christ/faithfulness of Christ...

... the letter to the Church in Rome

Pie...



Romans 1:16-17

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Romans 3:21-26

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<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

Gospel...

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## Jesus is Lord

1. All things new – people
2. All things new – cosmos
3. All things new – law
4. All things new – covenant markers
5. All things new...

Habakkuk 2:4

Hebrew Bible:

Look (their spirit) is puffed up

Their spirit is not right in them,

But the righteous live by their faith.

Greek Translation of the Hebrew Bible (LXX):

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My soul is not pleased with it.

But the just shall live by my faith.

Paul:

"The one who is righteous will live by faith."

the righteousness of God...

the question has God been  
faithful?

(the question of Habakkuk)

Greek Translation of the Hebrew Bible (LXX):

And the Lord answered me and said,  
Write a vision,  
    and clearly on a tablet,  
    so that a reader might pursue them

For there is still a vision for an appointed time,  
    and it will rise up at the end and not in vain.

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Paul...

God has proved faithful in  
Jesus...

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# Faith...

faith in Christ (objective genitive)

faithfulness of Christ (subject genitive)

a second piece of  
Pie...

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God was faithful

(even though it seemed like forever)

# Faith...

God is (being) faithful

(even at times when this seems like it is taking forever)

# Faith...

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What does this look like?

## Romans 12

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.



Saint Augustine

*“Behold what you are;  
become what you receive”*



the communion table...