

#RxF4Now—2nd Hand Faith
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- **“The Maker of all things loves and wants me.”**
 - Clinton Meharry’s 5 Foundational Truths from “Jesus Loves Me”:
 - #1—When I know I am _____ by Jesus, I am drawn to Him.
 - #2—When the conviction that He loves me is based on what the _____ says, rather than my feelings, I will be able to experience inner peace and security, no matter what circumstances I am in.
 - #3—When I understand that I _____ to Jesus because He created me and redeemed me, I am free to serve Him out of love and appreciation, rather than out of fear of punishment or a desire to earn His favor.
 - #4—When I remember that I am _____ and helpless to do anything good on my own, I will remain humble and dependent on Him.
 - #5—When I remember that He is _____ and has already conquered the enemy, I am free to live without fear, trusting in His power and providence every day. (*The Compelling Love of God* 33)
 - But why this reiteration of so simple a truth?
 - I am concerned that we may be tempted to think that R x F (justification, sanctification, glorification)—all those dry ancient theological terms—is archaic language to describe theological jurisprudence, legal niceties that allow God to be true to Himself, while still saving abject sinners like us.
 - I am concerned that R x F will become more 1888ish and not 2016ish.
 - After all R x F is a universal story . . .

- **Romans 4**
 - Romans 4:3—what did Abraham do to become righteous?
 - Psalm 33:6, 9
 - Isaiah 55:11
 - John 6:63
 - AMEN—I believe!
 - “And it was credited to Abraham as righteousness.”
 - Romans 4:4-5—“God justifies [acquits/pardons/forgives] the ungodly/the wicked.”
 - Camron Schofield: “God says [it], I believe it, I assent to it, and God counts it as righteousness. Can you see how simple it is? It takes a bit of sinking in because it’s almost too simple. In Romans 5:1 it says: ‘Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.’ We have peace with God. Connect that with Amos 3:3: ‘Can two walk together, except they be agreed?’ If God says a thing and we agree, then we have peace with God. Peace with God is righteousness by faith.” (*Heralding the Loud Cry* 81)
 - Romans 4:17—God is “the God who gives life to the dead and *calls things that are not as though they were.*”
 - Gideon—Judges 6:12

- Peter—John 1:42
- Abraham—Romans 4:17
- God calls things that are not yet as though they already _____ .
- *Desire of Ages*: “God counts the things that are not as though they were. He sees the end from the beginning, and beholds the result of His work as though it were now accomplished.” (606)
- 2nd hand faith is my _____ in the God who has _____ in me.
- Ellen White: “The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through . . . Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. . . . Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family.” (*Testimonies to Ministers* 91)
- Camron Schofield: “When we are at that point where, whatever it is that God says to us, we will say, ‘Lord, it is so!’ and we will believe it and assent to it; then Jesus can come soon, very soon! Can you see that? Because God says, ‘Righteousness!’ and even though you don’t see righteousness, if you believe it, *there is righteousness*. And what’s He waiting for? He’s waiting for *righteousness*. When He sees His righteous character perfectly reflected in His people, then He will come and take them home. So He is waiting for us to *believe*, because when we believe, then He can say, ‘There is righteousness, and I can come and take them home.’” (83)

“AMEN!”

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