Bible Study: Luther’s Five Favorite Verses

Week One

Romans 1:16-17

*16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. 17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”*

1. Background of the Epistle to the Romans
   1. Written by Paul in AD 55 or 56
   2. Why Was Paul Going to Rome?
   3. Romans is the most significant of Paul’s letters
2. Setting of This Verse Within the Epistle
   1. The introduction of Romans is verse 1-7.
   2. Verse 8-15 is a section of Thanksgiving
3. Romans 1:16-17 is the Theme of the Letter
4. Luther’s Comments: When, where, and how did Luther make his astounding discovery of justification by faith?
   1. As a monk
   2. In his writings
   3. The Tower Experience
5. Summary