

Faith Hope and Love Series, Part 2

These Three Remain, Part 2

HOPE

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotes are from the NIV Bible.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love”
1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV).

HOPE

- Hope is something that gives us a reason and motivation to move forward.
- Hope that comes from God is the kind that holds on even when circumstances change.

The Importance of Hope

Proverbs 13:12 “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

Psalms 137:4 “How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?”

Psalms 42:11 “Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? **Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**” (Emphasis added.)

- We can overcome with hope in God. He is greater than all problems, people or predicaments.
- Hope is a powerful virtue, and God knows that we need hope!

We Hope for What We Do Not Have.

Romans 8:24b-25 tells us “... hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

Hope Anchors Our Soul.

Hebrews 6:19a – “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...”

Share the Reason for Your Hope.

1 Peter 3:13-15 “Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. ‘Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.’ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

- Hope inspires us to look forward with expectations to the great things God will do in, through, with and for us.

Overflow with HOPE!

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Hope Does Not Put Us to Shame.

Romans 5:1-5 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

- This kind of Hope holds on to God’s promises through all situations.
- Suffering produces perseverance.
- Hope does not put us to shame.
- Hope in Jesus purifies us.

1 John 3:3 “All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”

Ephesians 2:12 “...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

- Hope is vital part of every Christian’s life.

Titus 2:13 “...while we wait for the blessed hope--the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...”