

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

1 COR 13:13

¹³ And now abideth **faith, hope, charity (love)**, these three; but the **greatest of these is charity (love)**.

ROMANS 5:1-5

5:1 – Faith

5:2,4,5 – Hope

5:5 – Love (If we are Saved, God Loves others via the Holy Spirit through our hearts – If you're not Saved, this will not happen.)

Understand this, God loves you, Jesus loves you and the Holy Spirit loves you!

Faith, Hope and Love – All three of these comes from the heart.

Believing with your Head does not save you (Mental Assent) this is what the Devil and his demons can do.

Believing from your Heart is what Saves You.

Believing is: Faith, Hope and Love in Jesus.

Evidence of Believing is Obedience.

God doesn't care what we SAY we Believe – How we LIVE shows God what we truly Believe in our Heart. We can never fool God, He knows exactly what is in our Heart! God does not want our Beliefs, He wants our Obedience.

HOPE:

1 THESS 4:13-18

¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which **have no hope**.

¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Wherefore **comfort one another with these words**.

ROMANS 5:2

Rejoice in the Hope of the Glory of God

Colossians 1:23

²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the **hope of the gospel**, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Colossians 1:27

²⁷ To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the **hope of glory**:

ROMANS 5:5

And **hope** maketh **not** ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

ROMANS 8:24-25

²⁴ **For we are saved by hope:** but **hope that is seen is not hope:** for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

²⁵ But if we **hope for that we see not**, then do we with patience wait for it.

ROMANS 15:13

Now the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, **that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**

1 COR 9:10

Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, **no** doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in **hope**; and that he that thresheth in **hope** should be partaker of his **hope**.

2 THESS 2:16

¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good **hope through grace**,

GALATIANS 5:5

⁵ For we through the Spirit wait for the **hope of righteousness by faith.**

Hope and Trust used Interchangeably

(Examples)

John 5:45

Trust = Hope (el-pid'-z0) - Strong's G1679

Romans 8:24-25

Hope = Trust (el-pid'-z0) - Strong's G1679

EPH 2:12-13

¹² That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope**, and without God in the world:

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Colossians 1:3-5

³ We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

⁴ Since we heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus, and of the **love** which ye have to all the saints,

⁵ For the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

1 THESS 1:3

³ Remembering without ceasing your work of **faith**, and labour of **love**, and patience of **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1 THESS 5:8

⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of **faith** and **love**; and for an helmet, the **hope of salvation**.

1 TIM 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our **hope**;

TITUS 1:1-2

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

² In **hope of eternal life**, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

TITUS 2:13

¹³ Looking for that **blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Titus 1:2

In **hope** of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed **hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Titus 3:7

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the **hope** of eternal life.

Hebrews 3:6

But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the **hope** firm unto the end.

Hebrews 6:11

And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of **hope** unto the end:

Hebrews 6:18

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the **hope** set before us:

Hebrews 6:19

Which **hope** we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively **hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:13

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope** to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Peter 1:21

Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your **faith** and **hope** might be in God.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the **hope** that is in you with meekness and fear:

1 JOHN 3:1-3

¹ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

³ And every man that hath this **hope** in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

HEBREWS 11:1

1 Now **faith** is the substance of things **hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

What is Faith? The Substance of things HOPED FOR.

Faith is the substance (assurance) of things **hoped for**, the evidence (confidence) of things not seen.

2 Cor 5:7

⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We walk by **Faith** and not by **Sight**.

Faith is Believing when you cannot See.

Walking by faith means living life in light of eternal consequences. To walk by faith is to fear God more than man; to obey the Bible even when it conflicts with man's commands; to choose righteousness over sin, no matter what the cost; to trust God in every circumstance; and to believe God rewards those who seek Him, regardless of who says otherwise ([Hebrews 11:6](#)).

<https://www.gotquestions.org/walk-by-faith-not-by-sight.html>

HEBREWS 11:6

⁶ But without **faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

What Faith Does

With the first two observations in mind, one might argue that the subjective nature of one's faith is dependent on the objective justifiability of that faith. British theologian A. H. Strong would illustrate this point with the analogy of a train coupling. The coupling joins a

train of cars to a locomotive. The coupling has no power in itself, it cannot move a single car an inch. All the power is in the locomotive. But the coupling is the link by which the power of the locomotive is transmitted to the cars.

<https://www.crossway.org/articles/what-does-hebrews-111-mean/>

LOVE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT

1 COR CHAPTER 13 (The Whole Chapter)

1 COR 13:2

² And though I have the **gift of prophecy**, and **understand all mysteries**, and **all knowledge**; and though I **have all faith**, so that I could **remove mountains**, and have not **charity (love)**, I am **nothing**.

1 John 2:5

⁵ But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

John 5:42

⁴² But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

GALATIANS 5:5-6

⁵ For we through the Spirit wait for the **hope** of righteousness **by faith**.

⁶ For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith** which worketh (powered by) by **love**.

Imagine a train called “Believe”

Love is the **engine** that powers a car called **Faith** and a car called **Hope**.

LUKE 14-26

Jesus said, if you don't “hate your family” you cannot be my disciple.
Did you think all you had to do was Believe?

LUKE 14:27

We must bear our own cross or we can't be Jesus Disciple.

LUKE 14:28-30

Count the Cost before you start. This is what every person needs to understand before they get Saved.

LUKE 14:34-35

Salt that has lost it's savor

James 2:26

Faith without works is Dead Faith.

2 Cor 13:5

Examine yourselves whether you be in the Faith.

If you call yourself a Fireman but you never put out fires, you only go to meetings – are you really a Fireman? Examine Yourself.

If you call yourself a Pilot but you never fly planes you only go to meetings, are you really a Pilot?

If you call yourself a Fisherman but you never go fishing you only attend meetings and talk about fishing – are you a fisherman? Examine Yourself.

You call yourself an Olympian but you never train, you don't even go to Track and Field events, you just watch them on TV – are you really an Olympian?

If you call Yourself a Christian but you don't really read your Bible, you don't really Pray, you don't make your life a living sacrifice, if you don't follow Jesus each day, you follow your own wants and desires and you only attend church meetings and hang out with the church members – are you really a Christian? Examine Yourself.

Many are Not Saved but they pretend to be. Imagine a door, a door called Salvation – this side Unsaved – the other side Saved. When you get saved, it's a whole new world on the other side and you yourself become a New Creature. It's a whole new world full of different kinds of buildings and cities, activities and events, joy and peace, power and victory a whole new way to live and serve the Lord! Now, when someone Reads, Teaches or Preaches the Bible and they open up the door to give you some idea of what is going on the Saved side of the door. You peek inside and look at some of the things going on and then you try to copy

those things on this side of the door without committing yourself to the other side of the door – that way, you can enjoy being in both worlds! Imitating the true Christian Life and true Christian Activities in an Unsaved Body is not the same and will never get you to Heaven and will reward you with an eternity in Hell.

Allen Parr – Just Believing is not enough to be saved

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7q456jePv6I>

BELIEVE Acrostic

OBEY

GOSPEL

SALVATION

FAITH

HOPE

LOVE

JESUS

1 Peter – Chapter 1

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto **obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively **hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye **love**; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving the end of your **faith**, even the **salvation** of your souls.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the **gospel** unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of **Jesus** Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:
15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:
18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,
21 Who by him do **believe** in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.
22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1 Corinthians Chapter 13 (Whole Chapter)

1 Cor 13:13

And now abide **faith, hope, love**, these three; but **the greatest of these is love**. (NKJV)

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<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/love-is-the-main-thing-in-saving-faith#:~:text=He%20said%2C%20%E2%80%9CLove%20is%20the,his%20commandments%20are%20not%20burdensome.>

Love is the main thing in saving faith. Those are the words of Jonathan Edwards, and if they are true, life and ministry are changed forever.

So Jesus says, (MATT 10:37)

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Here is the way Paul put it: (2 THESS 2:9-10)

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, *because they **refused to love the truth and so be saved.***

Notice, he didn't say refused to "believe" the truth – he said refused to "Love" the truth.

Paul has other ways of saying the same thing. For example, in [1 Corinthians 16:22](#) he says, "If anyone does not love [*philei*] the Lord, let him be accursed.

Paul does it again in [2 Timothy 4:7-8](#),

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,

the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved [*egapekosin*] his appearing.

To love him is to love his appearing. That is, to really want him to come back. To treasure his return more than you treasure finishing your career, or getting married, or having a family. That is what it means to love him.

Several texts in the writings of John show us that loving Christ is part of trusting Christ. That is, receiving him as our supreme Treasure — our treasured Savior and our treasured Lord — is what faith is. For example, Jesus said,

I do not receive glory from people. But I know that you do not have the *love of God* within you. I have come in my Father's name, and *you do not receive me*. If another comes in his own name, you will *receive him*. *How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?* ([John 5:41–44](#))

Ponder the connections among *believe, receive, and love*. You do not *receive me*, Jesus says. Why do they not receive him? Because they *can't believe* on him. Why can't they believe? Because they seek glory from one another, not the glory of God. Why do they do that? Because they “do not have the *love of God*” in them. They don't love God. Not loving God excludes believing and receiving Jesus. Why? Because believing and receiving Jesus means receiving him for who he is — the loved and treasured Son of God. Believing Jesus includes loving God.

Or again, John says,

Whoever *believes* in him is not condemned, but whoever does *not believe* is condemned already, because he has *not believed* in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people *loved* the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

([John 3:18–19](#))

Why don't they believe on Jesus? Why don't they receive him as supremely treasured? Because they “*love* the darkness.” Until the love of

darkness has been broken, and replaced with love for the Light, coming to the Light as supremely valuable — supremely loved — will be impossible.

Now back to Jonathan Edwards. He said, “Love is the main thing in saving faith, the life and power of it, by which it produces its great effects.”

Johnathan Edwards Message on Love:

<https://www.biblebb.com/files/edwards/charity1.htm>

He got this from 1 John 5:3–5:

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

