



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

FAITH, HOPE,  
AND LOVE

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## CONTEXT OF 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

- Spiritual gifts - 1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14
  - 12 - The spiritual gifts they received should promote unity, NOT cause division
  - 13 - The central role of love in the exercise of spiritual gifts
    - Faith, hope, and love continue beyond spiritual gifts (v. 8-13)
  - 14 - Spiritual gifts in the assemblies - for the edification of believers

## DEFINING 'FAITH'

- Hebrews 11
  - "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen..." (v. 1)
    - By faith the men of old gained approval (v. 2)
    - By faith we understand the worlds were prepared by the word of God... (v.3)
    - Impossible to please God without faith (v. 6)
    - Related directly with the lives of those listed throughout the chapter (v. 13-16, 39-40)

## THE BASIS OF OUR FAITH - THE WORD OF GOD

- “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:1-17)
  - Faith in God and His promises (Heb. 11:6)
  - Faith in Christ and what He said and did for us (John 1:29; 8:24; 11:27; 14:6; 20:30-31; 1 Jn. 5:13)
  - The gospel is God’s power for salvation and teaches us how to live (Rom. 1:8-17; Heb. 4:11-13)

## THE BASIS OF OUR FAITH - THE WORD OF GOD

- The faith was once for all handed down to the saints (Jude 3, 16-25)
- The Thessalonians' faith was from the gospel delivered to them (1 Thess. 1:5-7)
  - They turned to God from idols (v. 8-9)
  - And to wait for His son from Heaven (v. 10)
- Christians' lives should be characterized by our "obedience of faith" (Rom. 1:1-7; 6:17; 16:25-27)

## THE SHOWING OF OUR FAITH - THE WORK OF FAITH

- Faith is more than believing there is a God (James 2:14-26)
- Baptism is an act of obedient faith (Col. 2:11-12)
- Saved by grace through faith, we are created in Christ Jesus for good works (Eph. 2:4-10)
- God's word (the source of faith) equips us for every good work (2 Tim. 3:17)

## THE RESULT OF OUR FAITH

- Justified (Rom. 5:1)
- Our souls are preserved (Heb. 10:39)
- “The substance (assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence (conviction) of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1-2)
- “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...” (1 Tim. 6:11-16; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 2:10)
- Ties into our hope in Christ - confidence in our salvation (1 Pt. 1:3-12)

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