

FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE / *1 Thessalonians 1:3*

In our days of complex formulas, this simple program for Christian living still holds true.

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| Romans 5:1-5 | “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith . . . Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, . . . God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.” |
| 1 Corinthians 13:13 | “There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” |
| Galatians 5:5-6 | “But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive everything promised to us who are right with God through faith. . . . What is important is faith expressing itself in love.” |
| Ephesians 1:15-18 | “Ever since I first heard of your strong faith . . . and your love . . . I have never stopped thanking God for you.” |
| Ephesians 4:2-5 | “Making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. . . . Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace. . . . There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” |
| Colossians 1:4 | “Love all of God’s people.” |
| 1 Thessalonians 5:8 | “But let us who live in the light think clearly, protected by the body armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.” |
| Hebrews 6:10-12 | “And how you have shown your love to him by caring for other Christians. Our great desire is that you will keep right on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God’s promises because of their faith and patience.” |
| Hebrews 10:23-24 | “Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds.” |
| 1 Peter 1:5,7-8 | “And God, in his mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him. . . . These trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold. So if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. . . . You love him even though you have never seen him.” |
| 1 Peter 1:21-22 | “Your faith and hope can be placed confidently in God. Now you can have sincere love for each other as brothers and sisters because you were cleansed from your sins when you accepted the truth of the Good News. So see to it that you really do love each other intensely with all your hearts.” |