

Faith, Hope, and Love are living, Godly forces.

1 Corinthians 13:13 NKJV - **And now abide faith, hope, love**, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 APMC - And now there remain: **faith [abiding trust in God and His promises], hope [confident expectation of eternal salvation], love [unselfish love for others growing out of God's love for me]**, these three [the choicest graces]; but the greatest of these is love.

These three forces must all be working in your life if you want to receive ALL that can be yours from God. Jesus commanded believers to love one another.

John 13:34-35 NKJV - A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another; as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

APMC - By this shall all [men] know that you are My disciples, if you **love one another [if you keep on showing love among yourselves]**.

It's not a suggestion.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV - But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a **rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

APMC - But **without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him**. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the **rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]**.

Galatians 5:6 NKJV - For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, **but faith working through love**.

APMC - For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, **but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love**.

It is essential that all three interdependent forces work together in the life of a believer.

Romans 10:17 NKJV - So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**.

APMC - So **faith comes by hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the preaching [of the message that came from the lips] of Christ (the Messiah Himself)**.

Faith comes by hearing the WORD of God, but where does hope come from?

Hope is the connection between the forces of love and faith. Until you develop hope, you'll never be able to love to any degree with the God kind of love that was born into your spirit. And you'll not be able to do anything with your faith because faith won't have direction.

Biblical HOPE is **confident expectation**.

Romans 4:18 NKJV - who, contrary to hope, **in hope believed**, so that he became the father of many nations, **according to what was spoken**, "So shall your descendants be."

APMC - [For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, **hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised**, So [numberless] shall your descendants be.

Abraham believed God's covenant promise, God's WORD, against all-natural hope, that a ninety-year-old woman and a one hundred year old man could have a child. The Apostle Paul admonishes us to not be moved away from this hope or the WORD of God.

Colossians 1:23 NKJV - if indeed you **continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved** away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

APMC - [And this He will do] provided that you continue to stay with and in the faith [in Christ], well-grounded and settled and steadfast, not shifting or

moving away from the hope [which rests on and is inspired by] the glad tidings (the Gospel), which you heard and which has been preached [as being designed for and offered without restrictions] to every person under heaven, and of which [Gospel] I, Paul, became a minister.

Like faith, hope comes from the WORD of God.

1 Peter 1:3 NKJV - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has **begotten us again to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

APMC - Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy **we have been born again to an ever-living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

A "living hope" because **God's WORD**, on which it is based, is **"alive and active"**.

Heb 4:12 NKJV - For the **word of God is living** and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

APMC - For the **Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]**; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

It is a living force that transcends natural hope.

Hebrews 6:19 NKJV - **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

APMC - **[Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul** [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon

it—a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil,

When you are believing God's WORD, what He says about any situation – against all-natural hope, **God's unchangeable WORD becomes an immovable anchor, holding strong against the wind and the waves** telling you you're going to sink.

Matt 14:30 NKJV - But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

APMC - But when he perceived and felt the strong wind, he was frightened, and as he began to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me [from death]!

That **living hope holds fast** to God's plan of faith built on the solid WORD of Almighty God and sees the answer through the eye of faith standing before the throne of God.

HOPE keeps that vision of victory alive and strong and keeps faith focused on the outcome. Confident in God's love to supply the answer, hope helps faith to receive.

1 John 3:20-23 NKJV - ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, **God is greater** than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²²And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. ²³And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

AMPC - ²⁰Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him]. ²¹And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence

(complete assurance and boldness) before God, ²²And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him. ²³And this is His order (His command, His injunction): that we should believe in (put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on) the name of His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us.

Just as **faith is always in the now**, supernatural hope is never in the future. Natural hope sees the answer coming "someday" and is more like a wish.

But real Bible hope, is based on this scripture like:

Philippians 4:19 NKJV - And my **God shall supply all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

AMPC - And my **God will liberally supply (fill to the full)** your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV - Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

AMPC - Now **faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed)** of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [**faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses**].

Hope sees and confidently expects the manifestation of the promise, and faith reaches out to receive it. Patience undergirds faith, and keeps it steady until you receive the manifestation of the answer. Love rejoices in the One who supplies and confidently praises and thanks Him before it sees the answer in the natural realm.

The power team of faith, hope and love will always keep you on course, steadfast, immovable, and with confident expectation to receive!

HOPE

The Anchor of our Soul

Faith, Hope, and Love are living, Godly forces.

NKJV – New King James

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