

## Colossians 1:3

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus and of the **love** that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the **hope** laid up for you in heaven.

**FAITH + LOVE + HOPE**

# 1 John 4:18 NASB

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

# 1 John 4:18 Living Bible

We need have no fear of someone who loves us perfectly;  
His perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what He might do  
to us. If we are afraid, it is for fear of what He might do to us  
and shows that we are not fully convinced that  
He really loves us.

# Jesus gave us two commands.

1. To Believe John 1:12 (Faith – Trust – Reliance – Conviction – Assurance – etc).
2. To love one another as I have loved you John 15:12, 17

# Justified by faith.

- **Romans 5:1-5 TPT** Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and He now declares us flawless in his eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvellous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory!
- <sup>3</sup> But that's not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. <sup>4</sup> And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. <sup>5</sup> And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

## NO PEACE WITHOUT JESUS

**Hebrews 2:14** **ESV** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

**TPT** <sup>15</sup> By embracing death Jesus sets free those who live their entire lives in bondage to the tormenting dread of death

**NLB** <sup>15</sup> Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.

# By Faith

Galatians 5:5-6 TPT But the Holy Spirit convinces us that we have received by faith the glorious righteousness of the Anointed One.

<sup>6</sup> When you're placed into the Anointed One and joined to Him, circumcision and religious obligations can benefit you nothing.

All that matters now is living in the faith that is activated and brought to perfection by love.



Galatians 5:6 ESV For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness

*NIV HEB 10:14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

ROM 8:23 NASB95 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.**

# Our new redeemed bodies

Romans 8:23 NLT And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering.

TPT And it's not just creation. We who have already experienced the firstfruits of the Spirit also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God's sons and daughters—including our physical bodies being transformed. <sup>24</sup> For this is the hope of our salvation.

## Work of Faith – Labour of Love – Steadfast Hope

Thessalonians 1:1-3 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ

- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 TPT For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love motivates you to serve others, and how unrelenting is your hope-filled patience in our Lord Jesus Christ.

# A living hope

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

# A living hope

- Peter 1:3-5 TPT Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his extravagant mercy. For his *fountain of mercy* has given us a new life—we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. <sup>4</sup> We are reborn into a perfect inheritance that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you!

1 Peter 1:21, 22 TPT It is through Him that you now believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified him, so that you would fasten your faith and hope in God *alone*.

<sup>22</sup> Now, because of your obedience to the truth, you have purified your very souls, and this empowers you to be full of love for your fellow believers

# Give every man a reason for your hope

1 Peter 3:13-16 Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, 15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defence to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; 16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ will be put to shame.



## Persecuted for Doing Good 1 Peter 3:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Why would anyone harm you if you're passionate and devoted to pleasing God? <sup>14</sup> But even if you happen to suffer for doing what is right, you will have the *joyful* experience of the blessing of God.

Don't be intimidated or terrified by those who would terrify you.

<sup>15</sup> But give reverent honour in your hearts to the Anointed One and treat him as the holy Master *of your lives*. And if anyone asks about the hope living within you, always be ready to explain your faith with gentleness and respect