

# FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE  
AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.

## Isaiah 45:21-22

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### Foundations

The “Who, What, When, Where and Why” of the Future Teachings of the Bible.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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### Isaiah 45:21-22

Declare what is to be, present it — let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and Savior; there is none but me. :22 “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

### The Heart of God in Bible Prophecy

#### 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. :13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Faith. Hope. Love. (the disciples trinity)

In Our Desire to be Like Jesus,  
Our Greatest Pursuit was Summed up by Jesus Christ Himself;

#### Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” :37 Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

### Foundations

#### 1.) The FUTURE of Faith

**I am not being bombastic nor am I exaggerating when I tell you that this topic of Faith - is by far the most important thing in your life.**

## **There is a war on true biblical faith**

### **Hebrews 11:1**

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

**Faith by definition assumes a future.**

### **The Goal of The Futures Series**

is this - - to have you see that all The Events That (1) Are Going On and (2) Shall Go On will result in your faith being (3) strengthened to meet what's coming.

### **1a.) Past Foundations Build Faith**

#### **Hebrews 10:9**

**By** faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he **waited** for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Your present day "faith" is not a "fallback" or a "spare tire" that, should it be needed, can always be used "IN CASE OF FIRE".

As believers, we must review those things that God has brought us through year after year.  
( past foundations are what we build our faith upon )

### **1b.) Current Foundations Build Faith**

Current Foundations Build Faith. Assuming your "go to" foundations are God Himself and His Bible, what has Been Your Covid Response / Reaction: Faith or Fear?  
Can You See The LORD in Your Current Situation?

"We have appealed to Heaven for the justice of our cause, and in Heaven we have placed our trust. Numerous have been the manifestations of God's Providence in sustaining us. We have been reduced to distress, and the arm of Omnipotence has raised us up. Let us still rely in humble confidence on Him who is mighty to save. Good tidings will soon arrive. We shall never be abandoned by Heaven while we act worthy of its aid and protection."

- Samuel Adams,

Patriot. Founding Father. Governor Massachusetts. Signer of The Declaration of Independence.

### **1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT**

And from the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their families. All these men understood (the signs of the times) and knew the best course for Israel to take.

## Foundations

### **The FUTURE of Faith**

#### **1c.) Future Foundations Build Faith**

Faith is Believing that God will do what God has said.  
( It's about Words. It's all about God Keeping His Word )

#### **Isaiah 42:9**

Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare;  
Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

#### **Matthew 5:17-18**

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

## A Grave Warning

#### **Revelation 21:6-8**

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the **cowardly, unbelieving**, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

This idea should not be foreign to us.

**These 3 Scriptures are Proof Positive,  
You Can Build Your Faith Upon What God is Going to Do.**

**Think about how amazing that truth is. Every relationship known to man has a built-in faith that the relationship will turn out to be a good experience.**

#### **John 13:19**

Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass,  
you may believe that I am He.

**John 14:29**

“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

**John 16:4c**

But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

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**Revelation 19:10**

And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

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**2.) The FUTURE of Hope**

The Psychology of Hope. Interesting by its own existence.

(1)

Hope is a human attribute that makes no sense apart from God.

(2)

The nature of Hope assumes, requires, and demands that a greater source than itself exists and that there is a greater reason or a greater existence – it all screams “there’s more!”

(3)

In the absence of Hope, our minds run to a dark place. Then our hearts become overwhelmed by the waves of emotion and if not remedied, fear sets in and death could be imminent.

Alexander Pope coined the familiar phrase in his book *An Essay On Man*:

**“Hope Springs Eternal”**

**Ecclesiastes 3:11b**

He (God) has placed eternity in our hearts,

**Hebrews 10:35-37**

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. :36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: :37 “For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

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**The FUTURE of Hope**

**2a.) Hope is our internal rudder**

**The FUTURE of Hope's Foundation**

**Proverbs 22:28**

Do not remove the ancient landmark (pillars) Which your fathers have set.

( the thought is – do not move the lines, boundaries, markers, or fences )

**Romans 15:4**

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

**Needed More Than Ever**  
**The FUTURE of Hope's Foundation**

**John 16:33**

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

**2b.) Hope is our external message**

The Hour Has Arrived, Christian. The lines are being drawn.

**Hebrews 10:23**

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

“HOPE” is our external message – send it!

**1 Peter 1:3**

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,

Foundations  
**The FUTURE of Hope**

**2c.) Hope is projected strength**

**Luke 21:34**

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap.

**2 Peter 2:1**

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly (by stealth) bring in (inject) destructive heresies, (teachings that are off course or off compass)

**Hope is a powerful motivator.  
Hopelessness is a powerful destroyer**

It's Hope that carries you – when the marriage is broken.

It's Hope that soldiers-on - in the face of suffering.

It's Hope that stares down - sickness, disease, fear, and disappointment.

It's Hope that empowers you - to endure until the end.

**Hope is projected strength**

**1 Peter 1:13**

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your hope* fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

**John 16:31-33**

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

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**3.) The FUTURE of Love**

**In the words of that famous philosopher,  
Tina Turner, “What’s love got to do with it?” The answer is everything!**

**This overriding human experience, need, desire,  
requirement, and priority is the single most powerful evidence  
for the existence of God.**

**Because it is the essence of all that God has  
communicated to humanity - both in the Bible and the natural creation = Love!**

# God Loves Us!!!

It's what we said in the opening of this study.

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## The FUTURE of Love

3a.) God's love for you will never diminish

3b.) God's love for you will never fail

3c.) God's love for you will never end

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 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, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. :4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. :8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. :11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. :13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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