

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE

WHAT WE NEED TO FINISH THE RACE

A TOPICAL, DOCTRINAL STUDY ON THE KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

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The Title Of The Message:
EVERY MAN'S FAITH
WHAT WE NEED IN THESE LAST DAYS

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:
Faith, Growth, Discipleship

Introduction to the Text; **1 Corinthians 13:13**

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

1.) *Faith / "Salvation" = the aspects of a real living faith*

2.) *Hope / "Sanctification" = where Christians come from*

3.) *Love / "Service" = what we do when we know Jesus*

IN THIS, STUDY NUMBER **ONE** IN OUR SERIES,
WE'LL LOOK AT **FAITH**, AND HOW IT
RELATES TO **SALVATION**

1.) Faith / "Salvation" = *the aspects of a real living faith*

Look at all of You

- *Your Beautiful Tonight in the Sight of God*
Worshipping /Praying /Preparing

Let me first say that the doctrine of salvation is so important and valuable to God, that there is a premium placed upon the preaching and teaching of biblical salvation.

So Much So, The Lord Warns in Scripture

Galatians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, :4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, :5 to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. :6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, :7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. :8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. :9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

A Curse is Placed Upon Forms of Preaching or Evangelism That Does Not Focus On the Gospel

2Corinthians 11:3-4

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. :4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Salvation by Definition, Requires Two Parties.

The Savior = The Greater, The Innocent

The Saved, The Least, The Guilty

EVERY MAN'S FAITH

Christian Be Encouraged

WE WILL BE FAITHFUL UNTO THE END

1a.) Faith / Salvation as a Gift

A Gift Predicated Upon God's Desire

How Many of You Want to Go To Heaven?
The Lord Wants You There More Than You Want to Be There

It's The Lord's Desire to Have You With Him in Heaven Forever.

Based Upon His Love for You

(creation - his image)

(the fall - his desire to redeem back)

(reestablishing a personal relationship)

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death,
but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:5-9

Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, :7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. :8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Faith / Salvation as a Gift

1.) By Faith, we **acknowledge** our need for salvation

It Is Universal!

Every man, woman, boy and girl
Has a conscience that is under the conviction of God.

Let's Be Honest and Agree;

Your thoughts often go toward the issues of sin, wrong, God, heaven, hell

Romans 3:21-23

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, (the bible, Old Testament) :22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; :23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The Bible Teaches That God is Holy and Just, Perfect in Every Way.

Psalms 32:4-5

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. :5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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Faith / Salvation as a Gift

2.) By Faith, we *invite* salvation into our lives

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"* (that is, the word of faith which we preach): :9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. :11 For the Scripture says, *"Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

2Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. :2 For He says: *"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you."* Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Though This Verse is Not an Evangelistic Verse, It is Nonetheless a Powerful Invitation

Faith / Salvation as a Gift

3.) By Faith, we *receive* salvations offer

John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 1:12

But as many as **received** Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have **received** Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **:7** rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught,

1Corinthians 15:1-2

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **:2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

Faith / Salvation as a Gift

4.) *By Faith, we lay hold of salvation's benefits*

1Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, **lay-hold** on eternal life,

"Lay Hold"

"take a firm grasp, clench, to lock one's grip, death grip"

Phil. 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling..... **:13** for it is **God who works in you** both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

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1b.) *Faith / Salvation as a Foundation*

Salvation by Definition, Requires a Basis

The Righteous = The Work, The Offering
The Unrighteous, The Helpless, The Object

1.) *The Lord, Promises us salvation*

A Foundation Built Upon God's Promises

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. :15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Isaiah 11:10

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

Psalms 2:11-12

Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. :12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.

2Corinthians 1:20-22

For all the **promises** of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. :21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, :22 who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee

2.) The Lord, **Provides** us salvation

A Foundation Provided by God, not man

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Matthew 20:28

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

1John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

3.) The Lord, **Performs** for us salvation

A Foundation That Works Perfectly

The key to our salvation, the foundation
of our faith is based upon Jesus Christ's substitutionary death
that Jesus died on the cross and suffered in my place.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

2Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

Salvation's Benefits Include;

Being forgiven, receiving a new nature, **being a sealed possession of God**, adopted into the family of God, **freed from the law**, removal of guilt, **made acceptable to God**, en route to heaven, **blameless before God**.

4.) The Lord, *Protects* for us salvation

A Foundation Completely Safe and Secure

When Christ Died for Us;
He accomplished a work that could not be undone any other way.

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Hebrews 7:24-25

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. :25 Therefore He is also able to **save to the uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

His Redemption, or Redemptive Work
is empowered by His sacrifice, executed by The Holy Spirit,
protected by God Himself...

John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

What Jesus Did will Not Be Wasted

The Lord Purchased,

or Paid the Price for our Sins

The Lord Purchased Out Of,

or Removed us from the Marketplace of Sin

The Lord Purchased Out Of, To Set Us Free

or He delivered us from something to something

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, :14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

1Timothy 2:5-6

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

Hebrews 9:11-14

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; :12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. :13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctified to the purifying of the flesh: :14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God,

This Word Usage Should Comfort Us.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

**Note The Magnitude of This Statement
The Effect of Salvation Upon a Man is So Great,
That The Change is Eternal.**

1Peter 1:22-23

Since you have **purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, :23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

Titus 2:14

who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

In The Heavens

The Bible Says, That I Have Been Saved

It's a Great Comfort to Know That God has Saved Me in Christ!

During The Earthly

But The Bible Also Say's That I am Being Saved

That is, Each Day I am To be Yielding Myself More and More to Him

If You Need Ministry of Any Kind,

as soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.

The End