

# 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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## MESSAGE ENTITLED;

Welcome

"Faith, Hope and Love"

Series

*what we need in these last days*

## SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

***Faith, Hope, Love, Growth, Discipleship, Finishing***

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

When We Take a Look Around at Our World,  
At Our Time in History, Our Lives, - - Things Seem to be Racing  
Toward a Finish Line

**Both as a Christian and as a Pastor,**

I Can Say That I Have Never Seen a Time Like We are in Today;  
a world very different from when I first gave my heart to Jesus Christ.

What If I Were to Tell You That;

I overheard a conversation about you, and in that conversation a plan was being drawn  
up to overthrow your faith in Jesus Christ.

**The Plan Is To Get You To**

become doubtful about your faith in Christ. Then to get you to question your Hope in God, and  
finally, this "home invasion" would come directly against your love for God so that it would  
eventually get you to step-down or to step-out of service for God. - **Sterilizing Your Faith, Hope and  
Love!**

# This Plan is To Stop You from Finishing Your Christianity

THIS SERIES - FAITH, HOPE, LOVE  
IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO FINISH THE RACE

Paul Saw The Christian Life Set  
in a Very Dynamic Setting "Like a Picture in a Frame"

He Saw The Christian Life Set to  
The **Rigors** of Olympic **Training**

## 1Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. :25 And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*. :26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. :27 But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

## Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, :2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## 2Timothy 2:5

If anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.

## Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,

He Saw The Christian Life Set to  
The **Disciplines** of **War**

## 2Timothy 2:3-4

Endure hardship with us like **a good soldier** of Christ Jesus. :4 No one serving **as a soldier** gets involved in civilian affairs — he wants to please his commanding officer.

**2Timothy 4:6-7**

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. :7 I have **fought** the good **fight**, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**Paul Goes so Far to Say...**

**1Corinthians 15:32**

in the manner of men, I have **fought** with beasts at Ephesus,

I've Got News for You,

He Didn't Work for the Circus in Ephesus

I Want to Ask You a Question Tonight,  
Do You Believe That Your Christianity Should be Dynamic?  
Then What are You Doing to Make it Dynamic?

How Can I Know For Sure That I Am a Christian?

*Can God Use Me?*

*Will I Make it Through to The End?*

*What is God's Will for My Life?*

**P R A Y E R   T I M E**

**Let's Get Our Hearts and Minds Before The Throne of God,  
and seek His touch upon our lives, for this series of teachings.**

**What We're About to Embark Upon is Very Biblical.  
For Paul and Barnabas Did What We Are About to Do**

**Acts 14:21-22**

And when they had **preached the gospel** to that city and **made many disciples**, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, :22 **strengthening the souls** of the disciples, **exhorting them to continue** in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

**Jesus Gave Us a Great Insight  
into What Commitment Should Look Like.**

**Luke 14:25, 28-31**

:25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, :28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*— :29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, :30 saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." :31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

## In The Words of the Apostle Jude

**Jude 1:20-21**

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, :21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

## In The Words of The Apostle Paul

**1Timothy 4:16**

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

## Turn In Your Bibles to 1-Corinthians 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***

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

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

**What is a Biblical Faith?**

BEING FAITHFUL UNTO THE END

**1a.) Faith / Salvation as a *Gift***

BEING FAITHFUL UNTO THE END

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

## BEING FAITHFUL UNTO THE END

### 1c.) Faith / Salvation as a **Course**

**What Will We See? What Will We Learn?**

### 1d.) Faith / Salvation **what it looks like in my life?**

**The Bible Says, That I Have Been Saved**

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

**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

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

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

**What is a Biblical Hope?**

BEING HOPEFUL UNTO THE END

### 2a.) Hope / Sanctification - a **Guarantee**

BEING HOPEFUL UNTO THE END

### 2b.) Hope / Sanctification - a **Discipline**

BEING HOPEFUL UNTO THE END

### 2c.) Hope / Sanctification - a **Light**

**What Will We See? What Will We Learn?**

BEING HOPEFUL UNTO THE END

### 2d.) Hope / Sanctification **what it looks like in my life?**

**From God's View, From His Concern,**

It's Like I am Already Completed in Christ, *By* Christ.

**From My View, From My Concern,**

I've a Long Way to Go, But I'm Not The Same Man I Once Was.

**The Work Continues on This Side,**  
While in Heaven Above - My Name has Been Written  
down in the Lambs Book of Life

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

**What is a Biblical Love?**

BEING LOVING UNTO THE END

**3a.) Love / Service - a *Miracle***

BEING LOVING UNTO THE END

**3b.) Love / Service - an *Action***

BEING LOVING UNTO THE END

**3c.) Love / Service - a *Way of Life***

BEING LOVING UNTO THE END

**3d.) Love / Service - *what it looks like in my life?***

**The Lord Has Pre-Fitted, Tailored a Ministry for Me**

Each and Every *Real* Christian Has a Roll to Play in the Body of Christ.

**When I'm Loving God, My Brothers and Sisters I'm Serving**

I've a Long Way to Go, But I'm Not The Same Man I Once Was.

**I Can Always Tell When I Am Loving God the Best,  
By How Much You're Blessed**

**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*