

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 – PART II

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SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Faith, Growth, Discipleship

Introduction to the Text; **Book / Chapter 1 Corinthians 13:13**

Our Look at "What is a Biblical Faith, Hope and 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 **TWO** IN OUR SERIES,
WE'LL LOOK AT **FAITH**, AND HOW IT
RELATES TO OUR **SALVATION**

Recap from Our Last Study

FAITH, AND THE BELIEVERS' SALVATION

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

1a.) *We've Looked at Faith / Salvation as a Gift*

1b.) *We've Looked at Faith / Salvation as a Foundation*

Tonight we look at Faith / Salvation as the Course

Our Christian Experience is Often Compared to,
A Step, A Walk, Even a Journey

It Was July 20, 1969

When Neil Armstrong Stood on the Ladder

of That Apollo Lander, just before being the first man to walk on the moon he said
"This One Small Step for Man, and One Giant Leap for Mankind"

When The Lord Jesus Christ Stepped into Our Lives,
He Set Us on A Course that is Both "**Unique**" and "**Unified**"

"Unique" because it's personal and souly yours!
"Unified" because you've been brought into a Family

*It's Like You Being on
a Pilgrimage in the Middle of a Caravan*

If Our Lives Could Ever Have That Famous "First Step"
It Would be That First Step of Faith in This Course for Life

**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE,
WHAT WE NEED TO BE FAITHFUL UNTO THE END**

1c.) Faith / Salvation as the Course

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1.) By faith, we understand that we step out on to salvation

What happens when we begin...

Our Salvation, Our Faith has it's Beginning!

Feelings Play No Factor (Emotions)

Expect A Tug Upon Your Heart and Mind (the Divine presences)

Hebrews 11:6

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.

Acts 13:48-49

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. **:49** And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

On Course!

1John 3:14

We know that **we have passed** from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Faith / Salvation as the Course

2.) ***By faith, we understand that we're **moving toward** salvation***

What happens **along the way...**

Our Salvation, Our Faith, Need's Encouragement!
Because The Christian Now Belongs to God,
He's Saved from the World, Sin, Hell and Death...

2Timothy 1:8-9

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, :9 who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

On Course and Moving Toward Home!

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 6:18-19

...for by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we have **strong consolation**, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of **the hope set before us**. :19 Which **hope** we have as an **anchor** of the soul, both **sure** and **steadfast**, and which **entereth** into that within the veil; **(in heaven)**

This is My Part

2Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. **Test yourselves**. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you are disqualified.

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

1John 2:5

But whoever **keeps** His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we **know** that we are in Him.

Faith / Salvation as the Course

3.) *By faith, we understand that we're to endure in salvation*

What happens when we're getting closer...

Our Salvation, Our Faith, Has It's Challenges!

There is a warning throughout scripture to "Continue On"

2Timothy 2:3

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

James 5:11

Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended* by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Hebrews 6:11

And we desire that every one of you do **show the same diligence** to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

1Peter 1:3-5

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, :4 To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, :5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2Corinthians 9:8

And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Faith / Salvation as the Course

4.) *By faith, we understand that we're kept for salvation*

What happens when we finish...

Our Salvation, Our Faith, Has It's Goal - in sight!

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, :39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - that's His response to our faith in Him.

Ephesians 3:12

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, :14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2Timothy 1:12

...I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1John 4:13

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE, WHAT WE NEED TO BE FAITHFUL UNTO THE END

1d.) Faith / Salvation *what does it look like in my life?*

Write a summation of "Faith and Salvation"
Sheep, a Shepherd and Salvation

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 11:1

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

:2 For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

:3 ¶ *By Faith* we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

:4 ¶ *By Faith* Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

:5 ¶ *By Faith* Enoch "*and was not found, because God had taken him*"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

:6 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.

:7 ¶ *By Faith* Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

:8 ¶ *By Faith* Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

: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.

:11 ¶ *By Faith* Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

:12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

:13 ¶ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

:14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

:15 And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.

:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

:17 ¶ *By Faith* Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,

Hebrews 11:19 concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

:20 ¶ *By Faith* Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

:21 ¶ *By Faith* Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

:22 ¶ *By Faith* Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

:23 ¶ *By Faith* Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw *he was* a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

:24 ¶ *By Faith* Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

:25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

:26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

:27 ¶ *By Faith* he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

:28 *By Faith* he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

:29 ¶ *By Faith* they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land*, whereas the Egyptians, attempting *to do so*, were drowned.

:30 ¶ *By Faith* the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

:31 *By Faith* the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

:32 ¶ And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also *of David and Samuel and the prophets*:

:33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

:34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

:35 Women received their dead raised to life again. ¶ Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

:36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

:37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—

:38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in dens and caves of the earth*.

:39 ¶ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

:40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

#1 - What happens **when we begin...**

Those of us beginning;
what can we expect?

#2 - What happens **along the way...**

"God at Work"
Those of us who are on our way
what can we expect?

#3 - What happens when we're getting closer...

Those of us who are getting near
what can we expect?

1John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

#4 - What happens when we finish...

Those of us, who finish
what can we expect?

Our Salvation is Secure

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.

2Corinthians 5:5-8

Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. :6 So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. :7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. :8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

The End