

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

I Corinthians 13 v 13

The three things that last  
**Faith, Hope and Love**

- Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
- Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
- **Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,**
- Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.”

- [Hebrews 6:19](#)
- This **hope** is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.
- [Hebrews 10:23](#)
- Let us hold tightly without wavering to the **hope** we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.




**H**ANG **O**n **P**ain **E**nds

**The light at the end of the tunnel is your life;  
it's the tunnel that's temporary.**

Michael Josephson

- [Hebrews 11:6](#)

- And it is impossible to please God without **faith**. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.



“Faith is simply  
*confidence*  
in the  
*trustworthiness*  
of God.”

- *1 Corinthians 13 v<sup>4</sup>*

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.<sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.<sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

- Love looks to see what the other person needs, does what it can to provide that, always tries to do them good,
- Love sees the best in the person, rather than looking for their faults and failures.
- Love always welcomes and includes people.
- Love enjoys spending time in the presence of the beloved, sharing with them the things that are most precious and activities that are most enjoyed by one or the other.
- Love puts the other person first, even until it hurts.



- Now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love** each other. Just as I have **loved** you, you should **love** each other. [John 13:34](#)

God showed how much he **loved** us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

This is real **love** - not that we **loved** God, but that he **loved** us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Dear friends, since God **loved** us that much, we surely ought to **love** each other. [1 John 4 v 9-11](#)

# Another aspect of Love



- **“Faith** is the foundation of our life here below, **love** is its fruit in the present, and **hope** its glimpse into the life hereafter.”

Solomon Andria – African theologian.

Without **faith** it is impossible to please God,

Without **hope** it is impossible to endure,

Without **love** everything is worthless.

- Without **being loved** it is hard to **trust** God or others,  
Without **faith/trust** it is hard to have real **hope** for ourselves,  
Without **hope** it is hard to feel secure enough to really **love** God or others

A photograph of a bright blue sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. Sunlight rays are visible, breaking through the clouds and creating a glowing effect. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

**God is even kinder  
than you think.**

**Mother Teresa**

Spread *love*  
everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever  
come to you without  
leaving *happier*.  
-Mother Teresa

May the God of  
hope fill you with all  
joy and peace as  
you trust in him.

Romans 15:13

