Sunday 21st 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.

HANG On Pain Ends

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.

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"Faith is simply confidence in the trustworthiness of God."

I Corinthians 13 v⁴

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

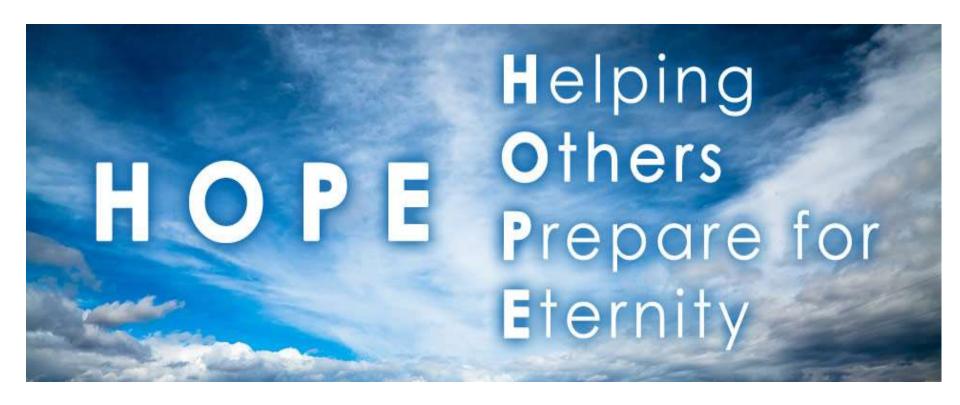
- Love looks to see what the other person needs, does what it can to provide that, always tries to do them good,
- Love sees the best in the person, rather than looking for their faults and failures.
- Love always welcomes and includes people.
- Love enjoys spending time in the presence of the beloved, 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 **love**d 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 **love**d God, but that he **love**d us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Dear friends, since God **love**d us that much, we surely ought to **love** each other. 1 John 4 v 9-11

Another aspect of Love

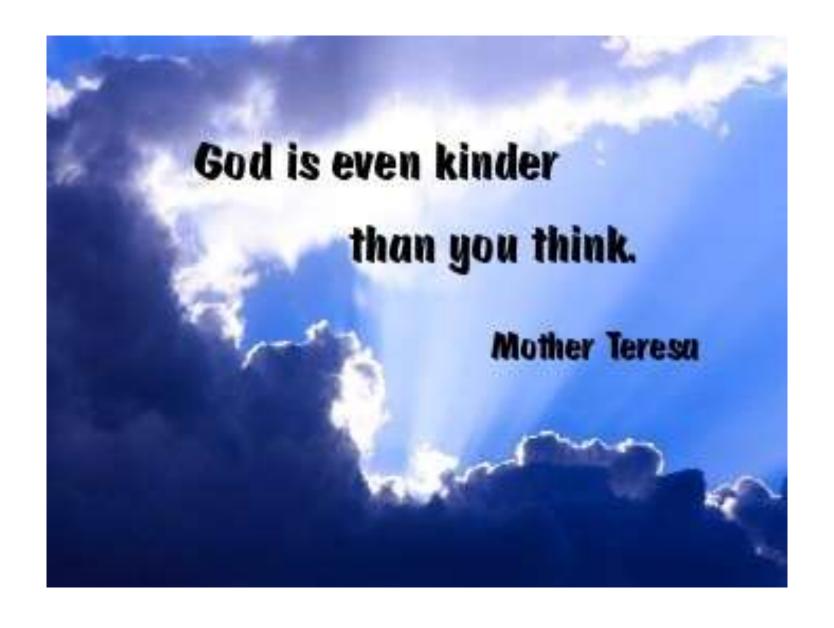


 "Faith is the foundation of our life here below, love is its fruit in the present, and hope its glimpse into the life hereafter."

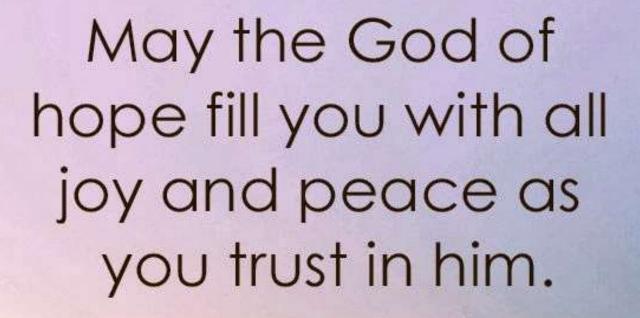
Solomon Andria – African theologian.

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



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



Romans 15:13