

A MESSAGE OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

(Needs common to all)

In the world there is a universal need for faith, hope and love.

Faith: *something to believe in, rely upon, trust*--Gives purpose to life

Hope: *something to look forward to, to secure in the future*--Gives direction to life

Love: *active good will (receiving and giving)*--Gives meaning to life.

Satisfaction of these needs have been sought in many ways, but only one way avails.

The Lord God who created us knows our needs, and has freely supplied our needs.

SCRIPTURE: John 3:16

love – *For God so loved the world*

Demonstration of love: *He gave His only begotten Son*

faith – *whoever believes in Him*

hope – *should not perish, but have eternal life.*

LOVE

God's demonstration of His love towards us. Rom.5:8

Christ's love demonstrated. Phi.2:5-8

However, love must be received and returned.

It's not enough for God to love, we must love! 1Jo.4:19

Love must be demonstrated by us:

Towards God. Honor, glory, and reverence. Heb.12:28

Towards Son. Joh.14:15 *"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."*

Towards Spirit [which revealed the mind of God]. Receive revelation lovingly.

Towards mankind. "Love neighbor as self."--second greatest commandment.

Towards brethren. Phi.2:1-4, 1Jo.4:20-21

Without love one becomes "sounding brass." 1Co.13:1-3 (13)

FAITH

Believing in. Joh.14:1, Joh.12:44-45

Relying on. Mat.24:35

Trusting in. Psa.31:14 *But as for me, I trust in Thee, O Lord, I say, "Thou art my God."*

One must demonstrate personal faith and trust. Heb.11:6

HOPE (not wishful thinking). Heb.6:17-19

What is written in Scripture gives hope. Rom.15:4

The hope of His calling; the riches of His inheritance; greatness of His power. Eph.1:18-22

The hope of all believers. 1Ti.4:9-10

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These are the needs of all of mankind.

The Gospel message contains God's answer to all three.

May all Christians maintain "*[their] work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father*" 1Th.1:3

May all come to know the Father through His Son, Jesus, the resurrected Christ. Act.2:36

Loving Him and believing in Him.

Demonstrating that love by trusting and obeying the gospel of Christ. Act.2:38