

Faith, Love, Hope in Relationship with God and People

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

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A. The Fundamental Virtues in the Christian Life

1. These are not of human origin
 - Faith: Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Love: Romans 5:1-5
 - Hope: 1 Peter 1:3
2. They are inseparably linked to another
 - Romans 5:2-5, 1 Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 5:5-6, Ephesians 4:1-5, Colossians 1:4-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:8, 1 Peter 1:3-9

B. Relational Virtues (Toward God, People, Christ)

1. Faith: toward God: 1 John 1:1-3, Colossians 2:6-7
 - By faith, we strive for a life pleasing to God
 - Hebrews 11:6, Luke 24:25-27, Colossians 1:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:1
 - By faith, we strive for a life glorifying God
 - Psalm 40:14-15

Three acts of faith bringing glory to God

- Worship of His Person: Recognizing the Relationship
- Obedience to His Person: Deepening the Relationship
- Prayer to His Person: Enjoying the Relationship

2. Love: toward God and people

- The First and Great Commandment: Comprehensive
 - Matthew 22:36-40
- The Second Great Commandment: Impartial
 - Matthew 22:39-40
- The New Commandment: Sincere
 - John 13:34-35

3. Hope: toward the Lord Jesus

- 1 Peter 1:3-9, Romans 8:18-25, Titus 1:2-3
 - Generates glad submission to the timing of His return
 - Develops patient submission to the timing of His return