

ALIVE! Fully Alive!

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV)

'Birthmarks' of a Born-Again Person

1 John 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our **faith**.

1 John 3:2 (NIV) Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³Everyone who has this **hope** in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us **love** one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

The Triad of Virtues

1. FAITH is believing God; trusting God—His heart, His purposes, His Word, His ways
2. HOPE is the confident expectation that God will indeed fulfill all of His promises with regard to our future
3. LOVE is sacrificing yourself for the highest good of those you love

FORGIVE!

Luke 6:32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Mark 11:25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Matthew 6:14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Colossians 3:13 ...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Bible Reading Plan

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