

Faith Hope Agape(Holy Love)

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- ❖ Faith - live by faith
- ❖ Hope - Eyes of heart (was blind now I see)
- ❖ Love - Holy love As the Holy Son of God loves Holy Father in heaven
(AGAPE)

1. Faith

My Righteousness live by faith

8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment:9 *regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me*; John 16:8-9

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves the child born of Him.....

10 The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; **the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar,** because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. 11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 *The one who has the Son has the life*; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1

John 5:1,10-12

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**;8Romans 10:9

2. Hope: Son of light - fix eyes on Jesus

was blind now I see

19 “Do not store up for yourselves **treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The **eye is the lamp of the body**; so then, if your eye is clear, **your whole body will be full of light**. 23 **But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!**

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God **and wealth**.

Matthew 6:19-24



2: Hope - fix eyes on Jesus

The Rich Man and Lazarus

“Now there was **a rich man**, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, enjoying himself in splendor every day. And **a poor man named Lazarus** was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed from the *scraps* which fell from the rich man’s table; not only *that*, the dogs also were coming and licking his sores. Now it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s arms; and the rich man also died and was buried.

And in **Hades** he raised his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his arms. And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have **mercy** on me and **send Lazarus**, so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’

But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set, so that those who want to go over from here to you will not be able, nor will *any people* cross over from there to us.’

And he said, ‘Then I request of you, father, that you **send him** to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not come to this place of torment as well.’ But Abraham said, ‘**They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.**’

But he said, ‘**No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!**’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be **persuaded** even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” Luke 16

FINAL Judgment at the Throne of God

book of life

- ❖ 16 Your eyes have seen my formless substance; And **in Your book** were written All the days that were **ordained** for me, When as yet there was not one of them. Psalms 139:16
- ❖ 4 “Now I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed someone, has the power to throw that person into **hell**; yes, I tell you, **fear Him**! Luke 12:4-5
- ❖ 11 This He said, and after this He *said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen **asleep**; but I am going so that I may awaken him from sleep.” John 11:11
- ❖ 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, 26 and **everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die**. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26
- ❖ 14 For if we believe that **Jesus died and rose from the dead**, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen **asleep** through Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 4:14
- ❖ 11 The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who overcomes will not be hurt by **the second death**.’ Revelation 2:11
- ❖ This is **the second death**, the lake of fire. 15 And if **anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire**. Revelation 20:12-15

2: Hope - fix eyes on Jesus

rich, fullness, almighty, most high, king of kings

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

18I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the ***riches*** of the glory of His ***inheritance*** in the saints, and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe.

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ***far above*** all ***rule*** and ***authority*** and ***power*** and ***dominion***, and every ***name*** that is named, not only in this age but ***also in the one to come***.

And He put ***all things*** in subjection under His feet, and made Him ***head over all things*** to the church, which is His body, the ***fullness of Him who fills all in all***. (Ephesian)

2: Hope - come Home with Jesus

The Prodigal Son (# sons ?)

And He said, “A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.’ And so he divided his wealth between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living. Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him *anything*.”

But when he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.”’ So he set out and came to his father.

But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘**Father**, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let’s eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. And he summoned one of the servants and *began* inquiring what these things could be. And he said to **him**, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has received him back **safe and sound**.’”

But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and **his father came out and began pleading with him**. But he answered and said to his father, ‘**Look!** For so many years **I** have been serving you and I *have never neglected a command of yours*; and yet you never gave me a young **goat**, so that I might celebrate with my **friends**; but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’”

And he said to him, ‘***Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.*** **But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.**’ ”

2: Hope - fix eyes on Jesus

Press on towards Jesus (only Christ)

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them mere **rubbish**, so that I may gain Christ,.....

13 Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:8, 13-14

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

3: Ode to Agape

Hased -covenant

What then shall we say to these things? If **God is for us**, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered **Him over for us all**, how will He not also with Him **freely give us all things**? Who will bring charges against God's elect? God is the one who **justifies**; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Who will **separate** us from the love of Christ? *Will* tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? Just as it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We were regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

For I am convinced that **neither** death, **nor** life, **nor** angels, **nor** principalities, **nor** things present, **nor** things to come, **nor** powers, **nor** height, **nor** depth, **nor** any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Roman 8

3: Love Fulfills the Law, Love never fails

Old Covenant revealed Jesus

4 “Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! 5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

6 These words, which I am **commanding** you today, **shall** be on your heart.

7 And you **shall** repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up.

8 You **shall** also tie them as a sign to your hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead.

9 You **shall** also write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

3: Love Fulfills the Law, Love never fails

Ministers of a New Covenant

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:36-40

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law. Romans 13:10 NASB

8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with..... 13 **But now faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.** 1 Corinthians 13:8,1

17 He *said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was hurt because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus *said to him, “**Tend My sheep.**” John 21:17

3: Agape -Hased (covenant)

-5 covenants

Ruth: But Ruth said, “Do not plead with me to leave you or to turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you sleep, I will sleep. Your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God.

1. the Noahic Covenant - rainbow
2. the Abrahamic Covenant -14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith., Galatians3:14
3. The Mosaic Covenant,4 For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Romans10:4
4. the Davidic Covenant - Messiah, Christ King of kings
5. *and the New Covenant (Messiah with us) 20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood. Luke22:20*

0: acts

Live for Him, As He is

24 “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and **acts** on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24

0. Exodus - Spiritual war

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God

- ❖ Garden Eden - The Temptation of Adam and Eve (the first Adam)
- ❖ The Temptation of Jesus (the last Adam) (lust of body; lust of eyes; pride/worship)

45 So also it is written: “**The first man, Adam**, became a living person.” **The last Adam was a life-giving spirit**. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; **the second man is from heaven**. 1 Corinthians 15:45-47

- ❖ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shoucheng_Zhang (RIP)
- ❖ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Colson

0. Finish Well

it is finished -God's will

6For I am already being poured out as a drink offering,
and the time of my departure has come.

7I have fought the good fight,

I have finished the course,

I have kept the faith;

8in the future there is reserved for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on **that day**;

and not only to me,

but also to all who have loved His appearing. (2Tim)

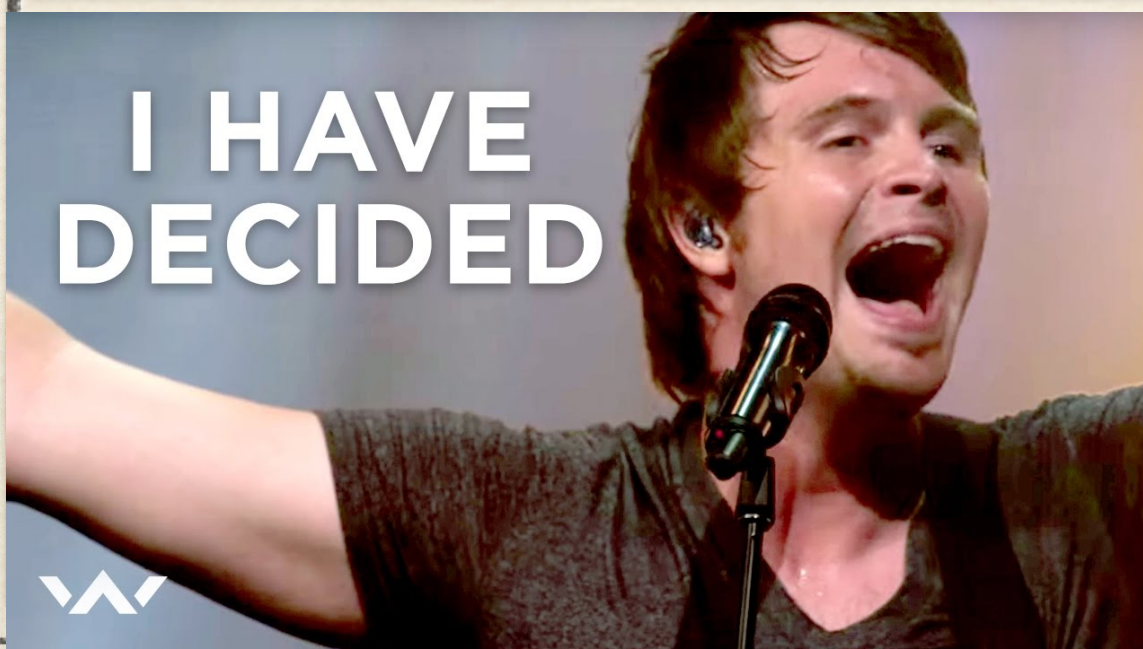
0. Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith

-Fix eyes on Jesus

1 Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. *Hebrews 12:1-3*



❖ https://github.com/Amen712/Logos_meditation