

Sermon : Faith hope and Love

I want to thank Achen And zackaria uncle for giving me this opportunity

Today Im gonna talk about three things Faith Hope & Love are three great foundation stones of the Christian life. They were spoken about frequently by Jesus and his disciples, the greatest example of these virtues can be seen in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Before we start lets bow our heads for prayer

Opening Prayer

Lord God Almighty, shaper and ruler of all creatures, we pray for your great mercy, that you guide us towards you, for we cannot find our way.

during this Holy Week, you invite us into a time of conversion and reflection upon our relationship to others. Our caring for others is a great joy

As we begin the discussions of today, we ask you to draw near and be with us. In our conversations with one another may we come to a richer understanding of the common good of all creation that you have asked us to guard. Deepen our appreciation for both human dignity and human limits

We invite you into this gathering and ask that everything we do here be for the glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All
Amen.

1. God is 'Love', we should love one another as he has loved us

WHEN I TALK ABOUT LOVE THE FIRST VERSE WHICH COMES IN TO MY MIND IS

1 John CHAPTER 4- VERSE 10:11

The bible tells us that we naturally live in rebellion against God. We live our lives the way we want to, instead of the way God wants us to. It may help to think of this rebellion as a spiritual 'disease', called sin. Without Jesus, who is the only 'cure' for sin, we will remain enemies of God because of our rebellion, and we are under his judgement. But God so loved the world that He sent Jesus to die on a cross to make a way for us to be reconciled to Him, if we turn from our rebellion

2 What is the Christian's Hope and where do we find it ?

the biblical concept of hope is way different from the world's understanding of it.

The worlds understanding of hope is nothing but wishful thinking like When we say, "I hope things get better," we mean "I wish things would get better."i.e **Your wishing for something to take place, but you're not really sure if it will happen.**

When we refer Psalms 42

Hope in this Psalm is seen on THREE OCCASIONS:

I. Hope in God Though He Seems Distant (vv. 1-6a)

II. Hope in God Though He Seems Harsh (vv. 6b-8)

III. Hope in God Though He Seems Indifferent (vv. 9-11)

So The Biblical hope is not about wishful thinking. Biblical hope is not only a patient waiting upon the Lord, but also a confident expectation and before talking about hope we

had question where do we find hope ? The Simple Answer to it is **in god and God Alone**

Hope in God helps the Christian endure hardships

3 'Faith' in Jesus is the 'Cure' for Sin and the key to living the Christian life

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.” [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

“There was once a Scotsman who rowed people across a river. On one paddle he had carved the word ‘faith’ and on the other paddle he had carved the word ‘works’. One day as he was rowing, one of the passengers noticed the carvings and asked him about them. The Scotsman did not reply but pulled in the paddle marked ‘works’ and started to row with only one paddle. The boat went round in circles. He then pulled in the paddle marked ‘faith’ and started to row only with the ‘works’. The boat again went round in circles, but this time in the opposite direction. He then rowed with both paddle and reached the other bank safely. Before his passenger got off the boat he said, ‘A Christian must row his life using both oars, faith and works. Only then will he reach heaven’s shore’

Just like its written in James chapter 2:26 faith without works is dead (pravarthi illathe vishvasum nirjivum)

- However faith is also the key to living the Christian life
- So let us decide to express our faith this year by serving our community, and sharing the gospel in love.

4) Closing :

Faith, Hope & Love are three great foundation stones of the Christian life, and the Apostle Paul wrote that the greatest of these is love. I would like to end my reading the bible's description of love from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” [1 Corinthians 13:4-6](#)

This year, may we love as God loves us and gave himself up for us?

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