**Hope and Faith**

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**Introduction**

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1Co 13:13 NIV)

Everyone has a hope. He is full of hopes. Types of hopes.

Near hope

Long-term hope

Far-off hope. (political, spiritual, religious, social)

Hope chains

Blood/Flesh/manwill oriented

Divine oriented.

**Conclusion**

1. In Hebrew, רוּחַ(*ruah*, ‘spirit’) and נֶפֶשׁ (*nefesh*, ‘soul’) come from distinct primitive roots. The essential difference between them is that,   
    (A) ‘soul’ is created by God during the process of creation with dust through breath related to the travail of woman (Gen2:7), whereas ‘spirit’ eternally exists in the beginning with the triune God (Gen1:2). Man own his soul rather than the spirit.  
    (B) Spirit is uncontrollable (Jhn3:8). Soul is controllable like mind (heart) and strength (Deu6:5)   
    (C) ‘Soul’ is neutral that can be divided as emotion(heart, psychic) and mind, but ‘spirit’ has two major opposite types: the spirit of God and the spirit of Satan, linking to light and darkness, day and night, morning and evening, water and deep/abyss/sea, good and evil, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom on the earth. However, literal opposite spirits are neutral to God. “the darkness is as light to God” (Psa139:12 NIV).
2. Although ‘spirit’ belongs to God Himself in heaven and ‘soul’ belongs to its individual on earth, both are closely associated with life that is related to mind, heart (emotion) and strength, and belong to the invisible spiritual world rather than the physical materials.
3. The Hebrew Scripture shows that when Adam was initially formed from dust, he had soul but without the holy spirit (Gen2:7). It could be a reason that God said that it is not good for Adam to live alone (Gen2:18). Although God gave Adam a woman companion later on, God did not give him the triune spirit until Jesus came into the world. Today, man can freely accept the holy spirit to satisfy his soul with the living water. It is because of His grace and mercy.

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