

"Christian Essentials"

The three essentials of the Christian life:

Faith Hope Love

The foundation of life is faith

In what do I really believe?
On what do I really depend?
About what am I really confident?

The motivation of life is hope

What lifts me out of despair?
What overcomes my trials?
What does the future hold?

The fulfillment of life is love

God loves me: grace
I love God: response
We love each other: obedience

The principle of the two realms of life:

Life in the flesh is all about me
Life in the Spirit is all about Jesus

When life is all about Jesus:

I trust completely in Jesus
I hope always for Jesus
I love fully like Jesus

The characteristics of a Spirit-filled church:

We demonstrate courageous faith
We practice visionary hope
We protect unifying love

When life seems to be closing in....

Don't try harder, trust more
Don't look down, look up
Don't hole up, reach out

Which essential are you most needing today?

1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1-5

5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Galatians 5:5-6

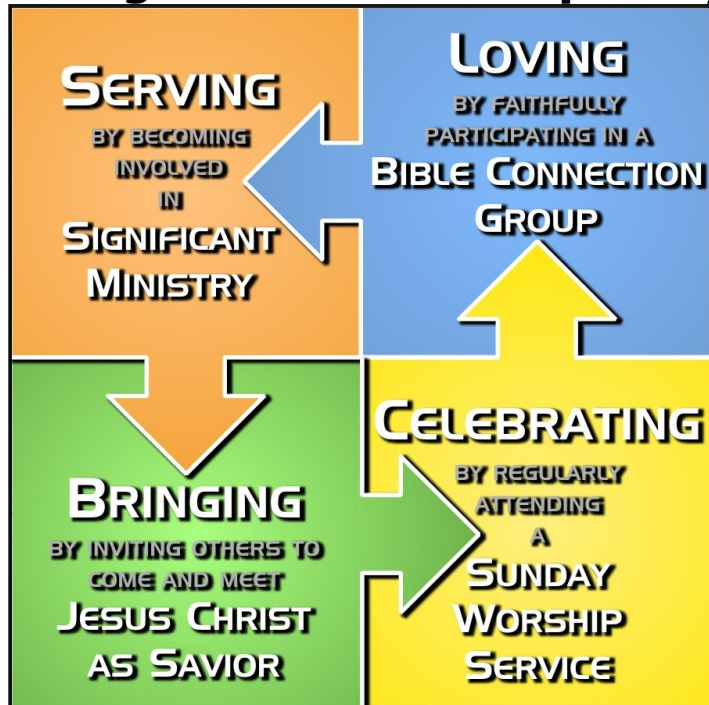
5 But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Colossians 1:3-6

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints- 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you.
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