Don't let your hope, faith, or love get ruined.

Slide 4. [1Co 13:13 KJV] 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity.

Slide 5. Faith Defined

[Heb 11:1-2 KJV] 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

[Rom 12:3 KJV] 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

[Rom 10:17 KJV] 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Slide 6. Faith in Christ alone for Salvation

[Rom 4:16 KJV] 16 Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

[Eph 2:8 KJV] 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:

Slide 7. Faith and Hope

[Gal 5:5 NKJV] 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

[Rom 5:2 KJV] 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Slide 8. Opposite of Faith

[Mar 16:14 KJV] 14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

[Mat 13:58 KJV] 58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

[Rom 3:3 KJV] 3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

[Heb 3:12 KJV] 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Slide 9&10. Hope in Christ Alone for Salvation

Defined: Hebrew: yāḥal H3176 – Expect ; kesel H3689 – Confidence

Greek: elpis G1680 – anticipate with pleasure, expectation; elpizo G1679 - in a religious sense, to wait for salvation with joy and full confidence/trust

[Heb 11:1-2 KJV] 1 Now faith is the substance of things <u>hoped</u> for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. Elpizo: trust or hoped for

[Psa 33:18 KJV] 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD [is] upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

[Rom 4:17-18 KJV] 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

[1Ti 1:1 KJV] 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, [which is] our hope;

[Tit 1:2 KJV] 2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Slide 11. Great Expectation or Lively Hope

[1Pe 1:3, 21 KJV] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ... 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Slide 12. Hope/Trust in his Word.

[Psa 119:114 KJV] 114 Thou [art] my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

[Col 1:5 KJV] 5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Slide 13. Those who are not Christians have a misplaced hope.

[Pro 11:7 KJV] 7 When a wicked man dieth, [his] expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust [men] perisheth.

[1Th 4:13 KJV] 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

Slide 14&15. Opposite of Godly Hope is No Fear of God

Phobos G5401 – fear, dread, terror, reverence for one's husband. You don't fear God if you think your sin will not be judged. Let's say you are living in sin and the moment of death comes. Your fear is the consequences of your actions God will impose.

[Rom 3:18 KJV] 18 There is no fear[G5401] of God before their eyes.

[Ecc 8:13 NKJV] 13 But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong [his] days, [which are] as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

Slide 16. Love Defined

Agape G26 – affection, good will, love, benevolence, brotherly love

[1Co 13:4-8a KJV] <u>4 Charity suffereth long</u>, [and] is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily

provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether [there be] tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Slide 17. Love for Christ Alone for Salvation

[Jhn 15:9 KJV] 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.[G26]

[Rom 12:9 NLT] 9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

[Jhn 15:13 KJV] 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

[Rom 5:5, 8 KJV] 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love[G26] of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. ... 8 But God commendeth his love[G26] toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

[Rom 8:35, 39 KJV] 35 Who shall separate us from the love[G26] of Christ? [shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love[G26] of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Slide 18. Opposite of Love for God

[Mat 24:12-13 KJV] 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

[Mat 24:12-13 NLT] 12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

[Rom 3:18 KJV] 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Slide 19. Faith and Love Work Together

[Gal 5:6 KJV] 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Slide 20. Hope and Love Work Together

[Rom 5:5 KJV] 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Slide 21. Why is Love Most Important?

Love gives us hope.

Love strengthens our faith.

Love casts out fear of the world and enables us to fear the Lord.

The Hebrew midwives in Egypt had a great fear of God and for this reason they were afraid of killing the newly born Hebrew babies. Because of their reverence for God, they received many heavenly blessings.