

Sunday School – 5/17/2020

## Hope And The Power Of Threes

2 Timothy 1:7 – Power, Love, Sound Mind

1 Corinthians 13:13 – Faith, Hope and Love

Faith: *noun* 1. complete trust or confidence in someone or something. "this restores one's faith in politicians." 2. strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof. 3. A system of religious belief. 4. A firmly held belief or theory

Hebrews 11:1 - "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

The Hebrew word for faith is emunah which means "support."

The Greek word for faith is pistis which means "conviction of the truth."

Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding

Knowledge: accumulation of facts and data through studying, research, investigation, observation and even experiences.

Understanding: capability and capacity to discern and make decisions about which aspects of the knowledge they have collected are true.

Wisdom: understanding of the facts and principles providing the application as to what to do next.

COVID 19 Example

Faith acts in inverse proportion to knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

Faith needs an object. The object of our faith should be Jesus Christ and His Cross.

Hope: *noun* 1. the feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best:

2. a person or thing in which expectations are centered: *verb (used with object)*, to look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence. *(used without object)*, to feel that something desired may happen.

Golf Example

Hope is about focus. It is measured in time. Our focus should be on Jesus Christ and His Cross.

The word 'hope' in Hebrew actually means 'to expect' or have some sort of 'expectation.'

The word 'hope' in Greek word for hope is elpis which means 'to anticipate, usually with pleasure.'

According to the Bible hope is "confident expectation."

- Hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear (Rom. 8:24-25; Heb. 11:1, 7)
- Hope is a fundamental component of the life of the righteous (Prov. 23:18)
- Without hope, life loses its meaning (Lam. 3:18; Job 7:6) and in death there is no hope (Is. 38:18; Job 17:15)
- The righteous who trust or put their hope in God will be helped (Ps. 28:7)
- And they will not be confounded, put to shame, or disappointed (Is. 49:23)
- The righteous, who have this trustful hope in God, have a general confidence in God's protection and help (Jer. 29:11)
- And are free from fear and anxiety (Ps. 46:2-3)