

1st John # 66

“You Gotta Have Heart”

1st John 3:19-21; Hebrews 3:1-4:3

Faith, in the sense of a faith-rest life and hope in the sense of having a personal understanding of our own destiny in life, producing an absolute confidence regarding the future, are two major problem-solvers in the Christian life.

Faith and hope are the primary objectives of our spiritual life which serve to open the door to an advanced spiritual life of love and intimacy with Jesus Christ and His followers.

IN FAITH-REST:

1) **We mix the promises of God with our faith.**

2) We then can reverse our concentration away from the problem and onto God, the Problem-solver and become oriented to the truth by placing our confidence in Him.

3) *We then begin to put together biblical truths and apply them as systems of deeper truths or doctrinal rationales.*

4) We then can bring the matter before the Supreme Court of Heaven where all injustices are put into the hands of the justice of Almighty God.

hope is absolute assurance from a confident expectation of God's ability to deliver on His promises in His Word; so God alone is the One in whom we place our hope.

Abraham had hope against his own hope or agenda that was not God's will, so Abraham, like Moses and David, quite often looked at God's solution rather than at their problems.

Infinitely more permanent and eternal than anything this world offers are the benefits which come to us as a result of being loved by God from eternity past through eternity future.

Personal love for God must precede any capacity for true love for any member of the human race.

By examining our application of unconditional impersonal virtue love based on God's truth in us now, we can know something so powerful that in the future, it sets our hearts completely at rest in the Lord Jesus Christ's presence.

John says that those who walk in the light as Jesus is in the light, have the experience of spiritual growth and they belong to the truth because they're constantly applying God's truth in their lives.