

* MESSAGE NOTES ~ September 3, 2023

<u>LABOR OF LOVE ~ Week 6</u> The Greatest Of These Is Love

And now these three remain faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. ~ 1 Corinthians 13:13

~ MENO - GREEK ~

to stay, to remain, to last, to endure, to survive, to be present continually, to abide

<u>Abide</u> in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it <u>abides</u> in the vine, neither can you, unless you <u>abide</u> in Me. ~ John 15:4

Faith, hope and love!

~ PISTIS - GREEK ~ faith, belief, trust, or confidence

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ~ Romans 12:3

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." ~ Matthew 17:20

~ PEITHO - GREEK ~ to persuaded

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

~ Romans 12:2-3

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.... And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. ~ Hebrews 11:1-2,6

Faith is the confidence that God is exactly who He says He is and that He will always do everything He promises to do.

~ ELPIS - GREEK ~ hope, expectation, or trust

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ~ Ephesians 2:11-12

~ VIKTOR FRANKL ~

"The prisoner who had lost [hope] in the future -- his future -- was doomed. With his loss of belief in the future, he also lost his spiritual hold; he let himself decline and became subject to mental and physical decay."

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, ... \sim Romans 8:20a

...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ~ Romans 8:20b-21

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ~ Romans 8:22-23

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. ~ Romans 8:24-25

~ AGAPE - GREEK ~

love, benevolence, good will, esteem

~ EROS - GREEK ~ sensual or sexual attraction

~ STORGE - GREEK ~

familial love like a parent has for their child, children for their parents, siblings for each other, spouses for each other. It is a love of unity, commitment, protection

~ PHILEO - GREEK ~

to love, or to kiss, to regard with affection, to cherish It is the love of friendship



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