

## FAITH AND HOPE

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1 Cor. 13:13            faith, hope and love endure  
Acts 24:14-15        faith -- hope toward God  
1 Pet. 1:21            God raised up Christ from the dead and gave  
                                 Him glory -- that your faith and hope  
                                 might be in God

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### TRUE FAITH

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\*     ARTIFICIAL FAITH

\*     Some people use the following verses to assert  
         that God must answer every prayer in the  
         affirmative

Matt. 7:7-8            every one who asks receives?  
Matt. 17:20            mountains move or a lack of faith?  
Matt. 21:21            mountains move or a lack of faith?  
                                 22            shall receive all things whatsoever you ask?  
Mark 9:23              "all things are possible" -- are all promised?  
Mark 11:22-23        mountains move or a lack of faith?  
                                 24            whatever you desire -- believe and you shall  
                                 receive them  
Luke 11:9-10          every one that asks receives?  
John 14:13-14        whatsoever? -- anything?  
John 15:16            whatsoever?  
John 16:23-24        whatsoever?  
1 John 5:14-15        if we ask anything?

\*     Some scriptures which clarify for people

Deut. 3:23-27        God told Moses "no"  
2 Sam. 12:15-23     God told David "no" -- (even though he was fasting)  
2 Cor. 12:8-9        God told Paul "no"  
James 4:2            you have not, because you ask not  
                                 3            you ask and receive not, because you ask amiss  
1 Pet. 2:19-20        sometimes -- suffer for doing what is right  
1 Pet. 3:14-17        sometimes -- suffer for the will of God  
1 Pet. 4:13-16        partaker of Christ's sufferings  
Luke 18:7            God will avenge His elect -- though He bear  
long with them  
John 9:2-3            who sinned? -- neither had sinned -- he was blind  
that the works of God should be made manifest in him

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Acts 24:14 believing -- written in law and in prophets  
Heb. 11:1 evidence of things not seen  
6 he that comes to God must believe that He is,  
and that He is a rewarder of them that  
diligently seek Him  
Rom. 4:21 Abraham -- being fully persuaded that what God  
had promised, He was also able to perform  
1 Cor. 10:13 what did God promise? -- He will make a way of  
escape -- that you may be able to bear it  
1 Pet. 1:21 God raised up Christ from the dead and gave  
Him glory -- that your faith and hope  
might be in God

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\* ARTIFICIAL HOPE -- ("irrational exuberance")

Jer. 4:9 message to kings, princes, priests, prophets  
10 you have deceived this people -- saying "you  
shall have peace" -- whereas the sword  
reaches your soul  
Jer. 6:13 filled with covetousness -- the prophet and  
the priest deal falsely  
14 say, "peace, peace" -- when there is no peace  
Jer. 23:16 a vision of their own heart  
17 saying, "no evil shall come upon you"  
Amos 6:1 woe to them (leaders) who are at ease in Zion  
3 they have put away the evil day -- and cause  
the seat of violence to come near  
4 they lie upon beds of ivory  
5-6 they enjoy music and wine -- but they are not  
grieved for the affliction of Joseph  
Isaiah 56:9-12 the blind and greedy watchmen  
1 Thes. 4:16-17 an overzealous believer

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Phil. 1:20 earnest expectation  
Deut. 18:15 looking for that Prophet  
Isaiah 7:14 looking for Immanuel  
Luke 2:25-32 Simeon's hope -- to see the Christ  
Acts 24:15 have hope toward God -- that there shall be a  
resurrection of the dead  
Col. 3:1-2 seeking those things which are above  
Heb. 11:13-16 desiring a better country  
2 Peter 3:12 looking for the coming of the day of God