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Love and Faith is the Substance

Stay steady in love.

Stay steady at the helm of the ship.

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith in the Strong's Concordance: assured, convinced, persuaded, trust in God.

Love and Faith is the foundation of our expectance and it is the proof we have what we do not see with our natural eye.

Gal 5:6 ...Faith which worketh by love. Strong faith requires strong love.

Colossians 2:6-9 NKJV As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, (7) rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. (8) Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. (9) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

Colossians 1:23 NKJV if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 3:1-2,5 NKJV 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. (2) Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Col 3: vs. 9-10 we put off the old man and put on the new man which is found in the knowledge of him.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

Don't add anything to it.

Stay in love.

Stay at the helm of the ship. James 3:4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

Heb 10:23 Holdfast to the confession of your faith. We have an expected end.

Stay Steadfast

It's one thing to have love and faith. It's another thing to have love and walk in love it's also one thing to have a measure of faith but something else to walk in faith.

It's one thing to have the name of Jesus, but it's another thing to have faith in that name.

It is only through the knowledge of Christ and your actions that anyone can see love and faith. 2 Peter 1:2 Grace and Peace multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God.

Our faith works by the action of love.

God is love and God is life and love is life.

We are created in His image and His likeness, therefore we are love and have life for God is withus. Acts 10:38 Love was with Jesus.

How do we walk in God's steadfast love? Only by knowing the Father's love. When we know His love, it should cause us to obey and keep His word.

John 3:16 - Knowing his covenants.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 15:7 - Knowing who he is, not knowing what he has.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

I Cor. 13:4-8 (Amplified) 4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. 5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. 6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. 7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. 8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy ([d]the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV (13) Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, (14) I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Circumstances that can come to life will cause you to become bitter or better. They will cause you to grow or to digress.

John 10:10 NKJV The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

If you are dealing with anything that is causing any kind of discomfort, it is the enemy trying to steal your joy, your life, your victory.

Ephesians 6:11-12 NKJV Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Recognize it for what it is and turn your heart to God, ask the Holy Ghost of counsel to (grant) to you the victory. John 14:26 NKJV But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

James 1:5, 22 5 NKJV If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Ask God for wisdom, ask him how to apply that wisdom and ask the Holy Ghost to help you keep the victory.

The enemy always wants you to see what's not right or wrong instead of seeing what is right. The enemy always wants you to see what you don't like, rather than what God likes. The enemy always wants you to dwell, think on, rehearse what has happened to you or others rather than what God wants to happen.

Love and Faith do not dwell on the past, or on issues, problems, or even on how you feel about things or your emotions - - Love and Faith dwells on what God says.

If you dwell on what you don't like or dwell on what you think is wrong - and it may be wrong - but dwelling on it won't change it. Only Love and Faith will.

Dwelling on it will rob you of your Love and Faith and could cause you to withdraw even separate you from your family, friends, the church even your lively hood.

The purpose of it is to get you to withdraw, separate yourself, and to get you out of the will of God.

Love and Faith press towards the mark.

Love and Faith forgive.

Love and Faith let go and let God.

God never changes

God forgives.

God speaks forth.

God never lies.

God never makes excuses why He can't help you.

God's promises are always "yes and amen".

God is never selfish. He's always after your best interest.

God is never stingy. He never exalts Himself.

God is a God of His word.

God is no respecter of persons.

God never uses evil to tempt you.

God is I Am — You need no other source.

God's word is love and when it is spoken to us it is love.

When we speak His Word it is love, life and victory.

What is God's will?

1. Mark 12:29-31 Walk in love

Mark 12:29-31 KJV And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: (30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment. (31) And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

2. Mark 16:15-20 Acts 2:16-21 Gods vision, purpose, destiny for the church.

Mark 16:15-20 KJV And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (20) And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 2:16-21 KJV But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; (17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (18) And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: (19) And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: (20) The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: (21) And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.