

just as the [human] body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works [of obedience] is also dead.

HOW ARE YOU DEMONSTRATING YOUR FAITH?

1 JOHN 5:4-5

For everyone born of God is victorious and overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has conquered and overcome the world—our [continuing, persistent] faith [in Jesus the Son of God].

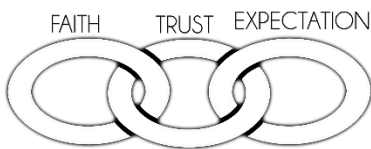
⁵Who is the one who is victorious and overcomes the world? It is the one who believes *and* recognizes the fact that Jesus is the Son of God.

WE CAN BE VICTORIOUS!

THROUGH FAITH WE FIND OUR HOPE?

HOPE IS...

certainty in the present & firm expectation for the future



THE NATURE OF HOPE

IT'S LINKED TO FAITH | 1 COR 13:13

And now there remain: faith [abiding trust in God and His promises], hope [confident expectation of eternal salvation], love [unselfish love for others growing out of God's love for me], these three [the choicest graces]; but the greatest of these is love.

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GOING DEEPER

Write Out | 1 Peter 3:15

Is this “hope” something **you** are simply “wishing for”? OR Do you have a confident expectation in Christ’s return? In your new body? In finally seeing peace on earth when Christ reigns for a thousand years? Hope in an eternity on the new earth? Are you expressing this hope? Or are you expressing despair?

Read | James 1:3

What right now in your life and in what’s happening in the world might God be using to test your faith? Where might you be putting your faith in something or someone other than God? _____

Read | 1 Timothy 4:1

The Spirit says **what** is going to happen in later times? _____

After having had faith, how did they then **fall way**? _____

How can you protect yourself from this deceit? _____

Now that you have completed this lesson:

- *Briefly give a definition of your Biblical stance for your belief.*
- *Write down 3 specific places in Scripture that clearly states your understanding.*

As defined by the Bible, Faith is _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

As defined by the Bible, Hope is _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

NOTE: YOU MAY FIND THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL GO DEEPER AS YOU MOVE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LESSONS. FEEL FREE TO REVAMP & ADD TO YOUR STATEMENTS AS YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY MATURE.