



Prayer Focus

January 3-9, 2022

Faith, Hope, and Love

*"We continually remember before our God and Father your **work produced by faith**, your **labor prompted by love**, and your **endurance inspired by hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess 1:3 NIV)*

All the outward qualities of Christianity that we have come to value and honor must come from an inward conviction and work of the Holy SPIRIT. GOD never intended for us to do anything outside of HIM doing it in and through us. When HE calls us to work, and dear friends HE has called us to work, it is not a work of human power but a work that comes from our faith, love, and hope in GOD working in and through our lives.

Christianity is a faith that is centered on another PERSON. It is the belief that GOD has done all the work not only for salvation and sanctification but for our daily need of power, life, and work. **In 1 Thessalonians, Paul speaks of their faith in CHRIST actually producing the work that GOD desires in their life. They had faith that believed, "it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God..." (Gal 2:20).** It is this faith that is manifested through our lives that produces the work of GOD in the world.

Paul goes on to say that love and hope also produce a work of labor and endurance. However, the mistake so often made in this area is trying to attempt to work for GOD without GOD first working in us. Paul says, "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable" (1 Cor 15:50). It can also be said that flesh and blood cannot do any work for the Kingdom of GOD. The work of GOD must be done by the SPIRIT of GOD working in us!

Faith, hope, and love must be actively working and abiding in us before the work of GOD is happening around us. Let us stop trying to work for GOD and let HIM work HIS work of love in and through us. We will find that GOD's work will simply be HIS nature flowing through us to transform the world.

"So now faith, hope, and love abide (live in and cling to), these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13:13)

- Chris Leeper, 40 Days of Hope

Events

Prayer Force Website: <http://www.prayerforce.live/>

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Prayer Force Equipping Hour – Every other Tuesday at 1:00pm, Pacific