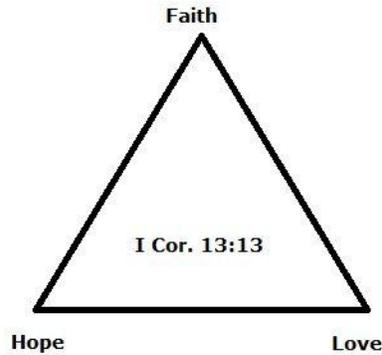


But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NASB)



THE WORKING CHAIN **Faith to Hope**

In a working chain one thing causes another. Paul is saying here in Romans 5 that Faith tends to lead to tribulations, and tribulations tend to lead to patience, etc...arriving at hope (expectation).

Biblical Hope is Expectation. Not the futile "I hope so" of the natural world. With Faith we believe that God can do something. With Hope we Expect it to happen.

Romans 5:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Romans 5:1-4 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, [a]we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and [b]we exult in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only this, but [c]we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

Romans 5:3-4 Mounce Reverse-Interlinear New Testament (MOUNCE)

3 And de not ou only monon that, but alla we also kai rejoice kauchaomai in en our ho sufferings thlipsis, knowing oida that hoti ·ho suffering thlipsis produces kater gazomai endurance ehypononē,

4 ·ho and de endurance hypomonē produces character dokimē, ·ho and de character rdokimē produces hope elpis,

THE ADD TO CHAIN **Faith to Agape Love**

In an “add to” chain we must set our will to add the next thing. God will supply it, but we must also set our will on it. We must seek to add virtue to faith etc.to get to Agape Love.

Agape love is the kind of love that God has. It just keeps on giving. It is interesting to see that Brotherly Love must precede Agape love. So we cannot say, “I will love him, but I cannot like him.”

2 Peter 1:5-7 (KJV)

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NASB)

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,

6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,

7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

2 Peter 1:5-7 (MOUNCE)

5 ·kai For this very autos reason houtos, ·de make pareispherō every pas effort spoudē by en ·ho your hymeis faith pistis to produce epichorēgeō ·ho virtue aretē,by en ·de ·ho virtue aretē ·ho knowledge gnōsis,

6 by en ·de ·ho knowledge gnōsis ·ho self-control enkrateia, by en ·de ·hoself- control enkrateia ·ho steadfastness hypomonē, by en ·de ·hosteadfastness hypomonē ·ho godliness eusebeia,

7 by en ·de ·ho godliness eusebeia ·ho brotherly philadelphia affection, and de by en ·ho brotherly affection philadelphia ·ho love agapē.