



# IN HIS IMAGE

HOPING LOVE



# THE IMAGE OF GOD

## GOD IS LOVE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 JOHN 4:8** ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE...<sup>16</sup> SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.

## WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:5** ...THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED OUT WITHIN OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WAS GIVEN TO US.



## FRUIT OF LOVE: BIG PICTURE

A. LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR (1 COR. 13:4-5)

B. CHIEF FRUIT OF LOVE: HOLINESS (1 COR. 13:6)

A'. LOVE OF GOD (1 COR. 13:7)

## FRUIT OF LOVE

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BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS ...

### ➤ HOPE

1. TO LOOK FORWARD TO WITH DESIRE AND REASONABLE CONFIDENCE.
2. TO BELIEVE, DESIRE, OR TRUST.

## LOVE BELIEVES ALL THINGS

- <sup>NIV</sup> **ROMANS 5:1** THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED THROUGH FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, <sup>2</sup> THROUGH WHOM WE HAVE GAINED ACCESS BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE IN WHICH WE NOW STAND...

### ➤ BENEFITS OF FAITH

- JUSTIFICATION
- PEACE WITH GOD
- RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



- <sup>ESV</sup> **PSALM 130:1** A SONG OF ASCENTS. OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD! <sup>2</sup> O LORD, HEAR MY VOICE! LET YOUR EARS BE ATTENTIVE TO THE VOICE OF MY PLEAS FOR MERCY! <sup>3</sup> IF YOU, O LORD, SHOULD MARK INIQUITIES, O LORD, WHO COULD STAND? <sup>4</sup> BUT WITH YOU THERE IS FORGIVENESS, THAT YOU MAY BE FEARED.

## BEARS ALL THINGS

- <sup>NIV</sup> **ROMANS 5:3** NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SUFFERING PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE; <sup>4</sup> PERSEVERANCE, CHARACTER; AND CHARACTER, HOPE.

- <sup>ESV</sup> **PSALM 130:5** I WAIT FOR THE LORD, MY SOUL WAITS, AND IN HIS WORD I HOPE; <sup>6</sup> MY SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD MORE THAN WATCHMEN FOR THE MORNING, MORE THAN WATCHMEN FOR THE MORNING. <sup>7</sup> O ISRAEL, HOPE IN THE LORD! FOR WITH THE LORD THERE IS STEADFAST LOVE, AND WITH HIM IS PLENTIFUL REDEMPTION. <sup>8</sup> AND HE WILL REDEEM ISRAEL FROM ALL HIS INIQUITIES.

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## RECEIVING HOPE

- HOW DOES THIS COMBINATION OF FAITH AND BEARING SUFFERINGS GIVE US AN ENDURING AND UNQUENCHABLE HOPE?

➤ <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:5** AND HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT, BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED OUT WITHIN OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WAS GIVEN TO US.

## FINDING HOPE

- WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION OF THIS HOPE?

➤<sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:10** FOR IF WHILE WE WERE ENEMIES, WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON, MUCH MORE, HAVING BEEN RECONCILED, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 6:53** JESUS THEREFORE SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOURSELVES. <sup>54</sup> "HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY. <sup>55</sup> "FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK. <sup>56</sup> "HE WHO EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM.



## THE FOCUS OF OUR HOPE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:2** ...WE EXULT IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD.
- <sup>LIT</sup> **ROMANS 5:2** ...WE EXULT *ON THE BASIS OF* HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD.
  - WE REJOICE BECAUSE OUR HOPE *IS* THE GLORY OF GOD

## THE GLORY OF GOD, OUR HOPE

- <sup>NIV</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 4:17** FOR OUR LIGHT AND MOMENTARY TROUBLES ARE ACHIEVING FOR US AN ETERNAL GLORY THAT FAR OUTWEIGHS THEM ALL.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 JOHN 3:2** BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW, AND WHAT WE WILL BE HAS NOT YET APPEARED; BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE APPEARS WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, BECAUSE WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.

## THE LOCATION OF OUR HOPE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:11** AND NOT ONLY THIS, BUT WE ALSO EXULT IN GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHOM WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE RECONCILIATION.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 4:4** REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE!
  - *GOD IS NOT JUST THE OBJECT OF, OR REASON FOR OUR REJOICING, HE IS THE LOCATION OF IT*

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# CONCLUSIONS

## BEARING THE FRUITS OF LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE ...<sup>7</sup> BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS ...
  - <sup>NIV</sup> **2 TIMOTHY 1:12** THAT IS WHY I AM SUFFERING AS I AM. YET I AM NOT ASHAMED, BECAUSE I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED, AND AM CONVINCED THAT HE IS ABLE TO GUARD WHAT I HAVE ENTRUSTED TO HIM FOR THAT DAY.
  - <sup>NIV</sup> **HEBREWS 6:19** WE HAVE THIS HOPE AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL, FIRM AND SECURE. IT ENTERS THE INNER SANCTUARY BEHIND THE CURTAIN,

## REMEMBER *YOUR* HOPE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 2:9** BUT JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *WHICH* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."