

# UNDERSTANDING FAITH

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### 1 COR. 13:13

Faith, hope and love are three powerful forces that play a vital role in every believer's life. Love is the greatest because it will continue after faith and hope have fulfilled their purpose. Faith deals with the past and present, hope deals with the future, and love is eternal.

### COL. 1:4-5

Our faith is in Christ, our love is for the saints and our hope is in heaven and a glorified body.

- **GAL. 5:6** – Faith works by love.
- **HEB. 11:1** – Faith gives substance to our hope. Hope is not faith, but it's a vital link to workable faith. If we lose hope, faith has nothing to give substance to. Faith makes our hope a reality.
- **1 JOHN 3:2-3** – Hope is a motivating force. The hope we have of seeing Jesus and receiving a glorified body motivates us to purify ourselves, even as He is pure.

### TESTIMONY OF GERTRUDE TICER AND ANALYSIS

1. What she believed.
  - A. Jesus is always the same, **HEB. 13:8**; God is no respecter of persons, **ACTS 10:34**; nothing is impossible, **LUKE 1:37**; by His stripes we are healed, **IS. 53:5**; God hears and answers prayer, **IS. 59:1**; our faith can increase, **ROM. 10:17**.
2. What did not need corrected.
  - A. Her hope, she saw herself walking out of the hospital.
  - B. Her belief that God could do what man said was impossible.
3. What needed corrected.
  - A. Her love walk.
  - B. She needed to deal with doubt, fear and unbelief.
  - C. She needed to move from believing to receiving. Believing is only one aspect of faith. We can believe water will quench our thirst, but if we don't drink it, it can't. **MK. 11:24**

### CONCLUSION:

If we want our faith to work we must walk in love toward everyone. We must never give up hope. We must use our faith to give substance to what we hope for. Gertrude said one day the Lord was going to heal her and she would need her shoes to walk out of the hospital. She got what she said after she got the correct instructions about divine healing.