

The Fundamental Virtues in the Christian Life

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

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A. The Fundamental Virtues in the Christian Life

1. These are not of human origin
 - Faith: Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Love: Romans 5:1-5
 - Hope: 1 Peter 1:3
2. They are inseparably linked to another
 - Romans 5:2-5, 1 Corinthians 13:13, Galatians 5:5-6, Ephesians 4:1-5, Colossians 1:4-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:8, 1 Peter 1:3-9

B. Relational Virtues (Toward God, People, Christ)

1. Faith: toward God: Hebrews 11:1
 - Knowledge of the truth
 - Romans 10:14, Romans 10:17
 - Agreement with the truth
 - John 3:33, 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5
 - Trust in the truth
 - John 6:67-69
2. Love: toward God and people
 - Matthew 22:36-40, John 13:34-35, 1 Thessalonians 3:6, 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:9, 2 Thessalonians 1:3
3. Hope: toward the Lord Jesus
 - 1 Peter 1:3-5, Romans 8:18-25, Titus 1:2-3

C. Active Virtues (Evidence of New Birth, First love): 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

1. Faith
 - Obedience to God's commandments
 - Colossians 2:6-7
 - Embracing God's promises
 - 2 Peter 1:3-5, 2 Corinthians 5:6-7
2. Love: Deeds of service to others
 - 1 John 3:16-18
3. Hope: Affirmation/proclamation of the Gospel of hope
 - Acts 26:1-18