FAITH

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“It is a peculiarity of man that he can only live by looking to the future…this is his salvation in the most difficult moments of his existence…”

—Viktor Frankl (*Man’s Search for Meaning*)

FAITH IS…

1. **Mental Affirmation** that the gospel is true.
2. **Professed Fealty** to Jesus alone as the cosmic Lord.
3. **Enacted Loyalty** through obedience to Jesus as the king.

MATTHEW BATES
SALVATION BY ALLEGIANCE ALONE

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12

12 Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

13 Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

“Hope is a word that needs an object: you have to have hope in something.”

—Megan Divine (*It’s Ok to Not Be Ok*)

“The most authentic hope I can offer you, or ask of you, is that you find ways to be true to yourself inside of this, inside all those changing things.”

—Megan Divine (*It’s Ok to Not Be Ok*)

1 CORINTHIANS 15:16-19

16 And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then
Christ has not been raised. 17 And if Christ has not
been raised, then your faith is useless and you are
still guilty of your sins. 18 In that case, all who have
died believing in Christ are lost! 19 And if our **HOPE**
in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied
than anyone in the world.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-21

20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.
He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.
21 So you see, just as death came into the world
through a man, now the resurrection from the dead
has begun through another man.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:22-23

22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to
Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given
new life. 23 But there is an order to this resurrection:
Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all
who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes
back.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51

51 But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed!

1 CORINTHIANS 15:52-53

52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. 53 For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

“Hope does not deny the reality of suffering, but only its final power.”

—Alan Noble (*To Live Well*)

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-57

54 Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into
bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is
swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is your victory? O
death, where is your sting?” 56 For sin is the sting that results in
death, and the law gives sin its power. 57 But thank God! He
gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.