

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

(for the quarreling church)

Preface:

This letter of the Apostle Paul is valuable for the church today. This is especially true where we see many problems between culture and Christianity. The application of Paul's teachings in First Corinthians can do much to bring maturity and stability to the church.

Faith, Hope and Love are the keys to solving spiritual problems in any church. The church at Corinth seemed to have more problems than the average. Most leaders would give up hope for such a church. However, Paul attacked each problem with patience, logic, and godly principles. In fact, he gives us the solutions of God for such problems. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit Paul lays down some basic doctrine on church leadership, church discipline, marriage, the Lord's Supper, the use of spiritual gifts, spiritual maturity and the resurrection.

The scriptures quoted in this book are from the New International Version, (NIV). Occasionally a scripture is quoted from the New Century Version, [NCV]. This translation is written in clear, easy to read English. It is very helpful for students who speak English as a second language. Additional aid has been given by inserting helpful words into the scripture. These words are found in square brackets: [].

Care has been taken to keep the English and the teaching process clear so that anyone with a primary education can understand Paul's teachings. This, however, does not mean that those with higher education will find the teachings to be light. Indeed, the teachings of the Apostle Paul are seldom light. It only means that those with a higher education will be able to complete the lessons in a shorter amount of time.

It is our prayer that this TEE book will help Christian leaders bring maturity and stability to the church.

In Christian Love

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