

# Colossians Series

## Lesson #8

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a large hill in the middle ground, and mountains in the background under a clear sky. A building is visible on the right side of the hill.

**COLOSSIANS:  
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**HOPE:  
Future Reality,  
Present Motivation  
Col. 1:5**

**Col. 1:3, “We always give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,**

**Col. 1:4, “since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;**

**Col. 1:5, “because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,”**

## **Enhanced translation:**

**We always give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you**

- 1. Because we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and**
- 2. Your love for all the saints**
  - a. because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven.**

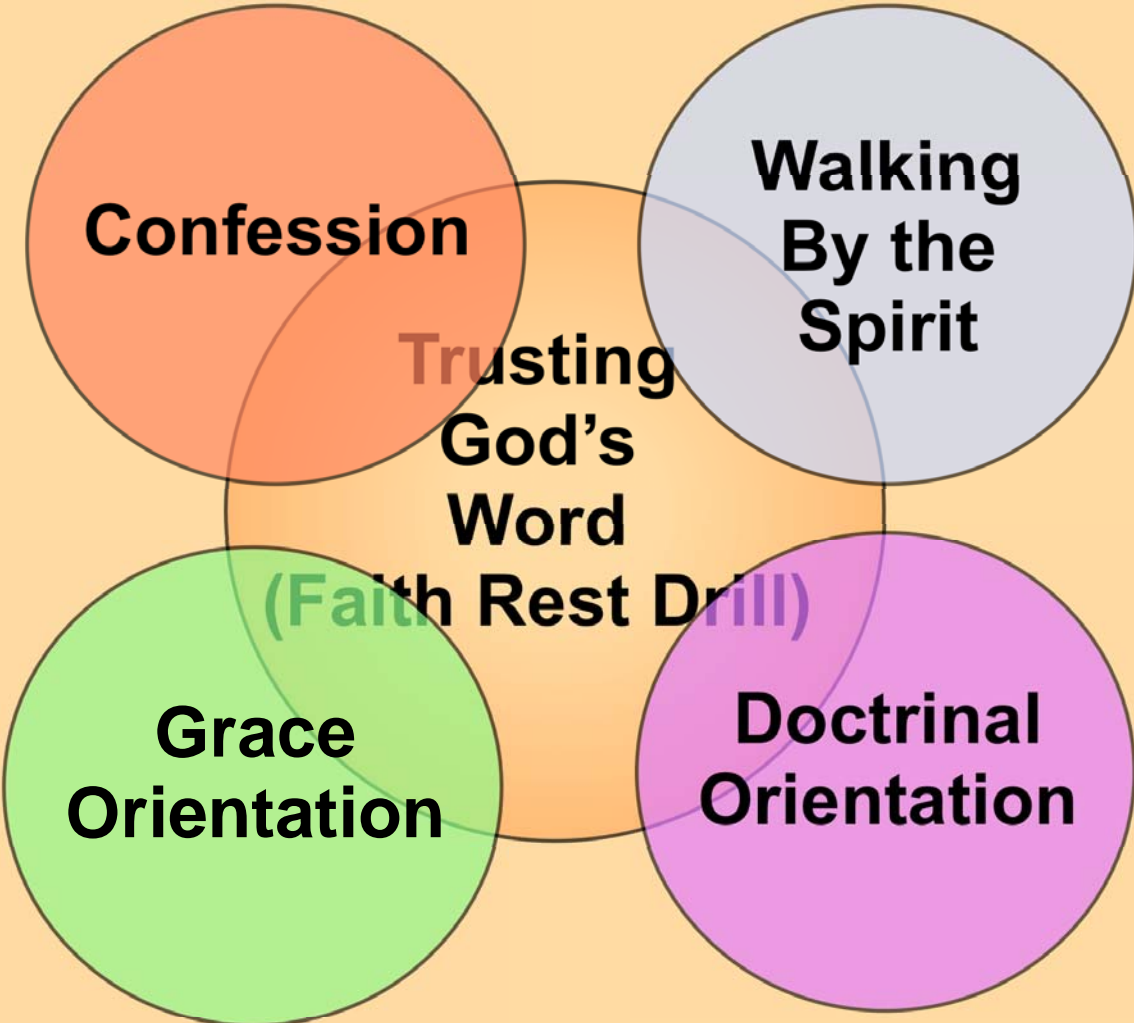
## Hope

**Confidence in future realities to motivate through present unpleasantness.**

## **FAITH-FOCUSED SPIRITUAL SKILLS**

Confession, Walk by the Spirit, Faith Rest Drill,  
Grace Orientation, Doctrinal Orientation

# The Foundation of Faith



## **LOVE-FOCUSED SPIRITUAL SKILLS**

Personal Love for God, Unconditional Love for All Mankind  
Occupation with Christ, Inner Happiness/Tranquility

## **HOPE**

Living Today in Light of Eternity

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**1 Th. 5:8, “But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”**



**1 Th. 5:9, “For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**1 Th. 5:10, “who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.”**

**1 Th. 5:8, “But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”**



**1 Cor. 13:13, “And now [in the Church Age] abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”**

**Faith and Hope  
are Temporal  
(2 Cor. 5:7,  
Rom. 8:24–25)**

Prophecy  
Knowledge  
Tongues  
Faith, Hope  
Love

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Faith, Hope  
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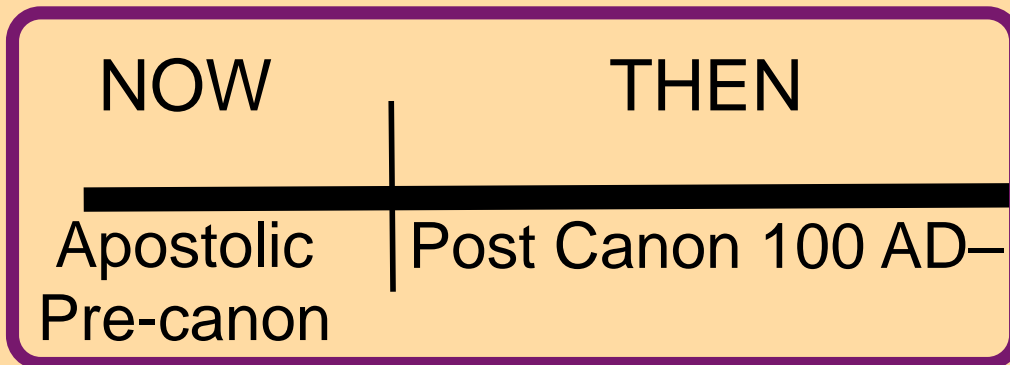
Face to Face  
is  
with the Lord  
Perfect = Death,  
Rapture, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

**Problem:  
Faith and Hope end when we are  
face to face with the Lord**

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(2 Cor. 5:7,  
Rom. 8:24–25)**

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**H E A V E N**



Only LOVE  
abides when we are  
face to face with the Lord

**Church Age**

Face to Face

is

with the WORD

Perfect = Complete Canon

**Rom. 5:2, “through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in [on the basis of] hope of the glory of God.”**



**Rom. 5:3, “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;**

**Rom. 5:4, “and perseverance, character; and character, hope.**

**Rom. 5:5, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”**

**Rom. 8:24, “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?”**

**Rom. 8:25, “But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”**

**Rom. 8:23, “Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”**

**Rom. 8:18, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

**Rom. 8:19, “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”**

**Rom. 8:20, “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;**

**Rom. 8:21, “because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

**Rom. 8:22, “For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”**

**Rom. 8:23, “Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.”**

**Rom. 8:24, “For we were saved [fut aor—we will be sanctified] in this hope [by means of this hope], but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?”**

**Rom. 8:25, “But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”**

**1 Th. 1:3, “remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,”**

**2 Th. 1:3, “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other.”**

**Eph. 1:15, “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,”**

**Philem. 5, “hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,”**



**Rom. 15:13, “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”**