



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

PART THREE

Faith Refresher for 2023

THE GREATEST IS LOVE

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but the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

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*"You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance."*

Psalm 65:11

Hebrews 11:1

*Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.*

Colossians 1:26-27 (J.B. PHILLIPS)

*They are those to whom God has planned to give a vision of the full wonder and splendor of his secret plan for the sons of men. And the secret is simply this: **Christ in you!** Yes, **Christ in you bringing with him the hope of all glorious things to come.***



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How Framing Shapes Your Hope



*"Every time I look at the cross, I am reminded of the greatness of God and the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. I am reminded of **the beauty of sacrificial love** and the majesty of unswerving devotion to truth."*

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,

"Hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love."

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Galatians 5:6

NKJV - *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, **but faith working through love.***

NLV - *If we belong to Jesus Christ, it means nothing to have or not to have gone through the religious act of becoming a Jew. **But faith working through love is important.***

NLT - *For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. **What is important is faith expressing itself in love.***

*"...Faith **working through** love."*

ἐνεργέω

Transliteration: **energeō**

Meaning: **"in its inworking"**

Not only what it does in others, but the effect produced in yourself.

John 3:16

*For God so **loved the world that He gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

1 John 4:9

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world **that we might live through him.** 10 This is love: **not that we loved God, but that he loved us** and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*



Love is the great motivator.
Faith is the great activator.

Cold Love is a Problem Today

Matthew 24:11, *Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because **lawlessness (iniquity)** will abound, the love of many will grow cold (ψύχω).*

Example of Cold Love



Example of Cold Love in Systems

- AP African-American studies deemed **“illegal”** and **“lacking educational value”**

OTHER STUDIES PERMITTED

- AP European History
- AP Art History
- AP Japanese Language & Culture
- AP German Language & Culture
- AP Italian Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Language & Culture

Proverbs 11:1

*A false balance is abomination to the LORD:
but a just weight is his delight*

NKJV, *Dishonest scales are an abomination
to the Lord...*

How to Keep Your Love Warm

- Love on purpose, not by feeling
- Have good frames – See people, love people
- Stay committed to truth (Divine and Objective)
- Be merciful to receive mercy
- Have the mind of Christ

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