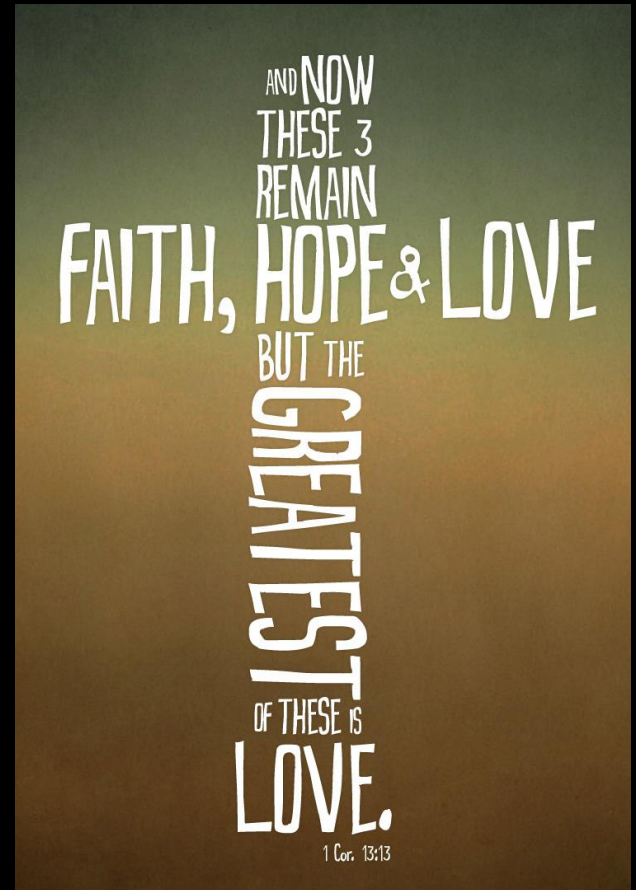


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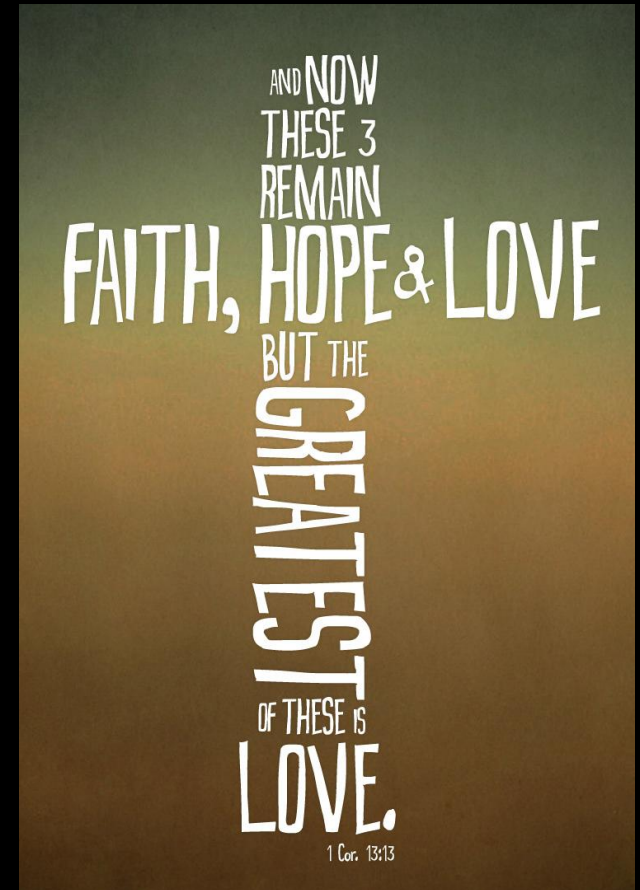
16:1-24



It's all about the love

The Corinthian Church

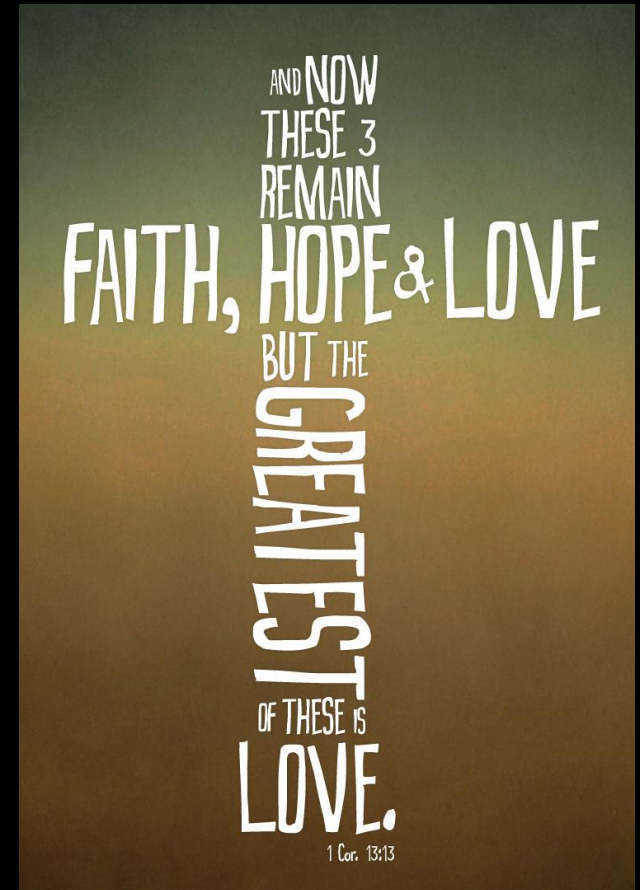
- Aquila and Priscilla
(Acts 18:2 ; cf. 18)
- Silas and Timothy (18:5)
- Turning to the Gentiles
(18:6)
- Opposition (Acts 18:6-12)



(Acts 18:1-18)

The Story of I Corinthians

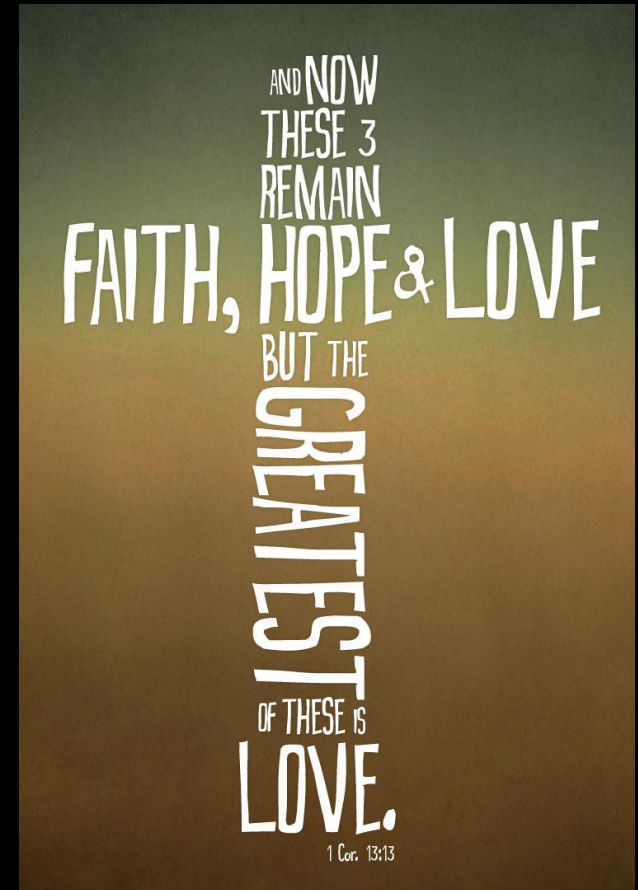
- Introduction and Thanksgiving (1:1-9)
- Problem of Factions (1:10-4:21)
- Morality and Lawsuits (5:1-6:20)



Reaction to Reports (1:10-6:20)

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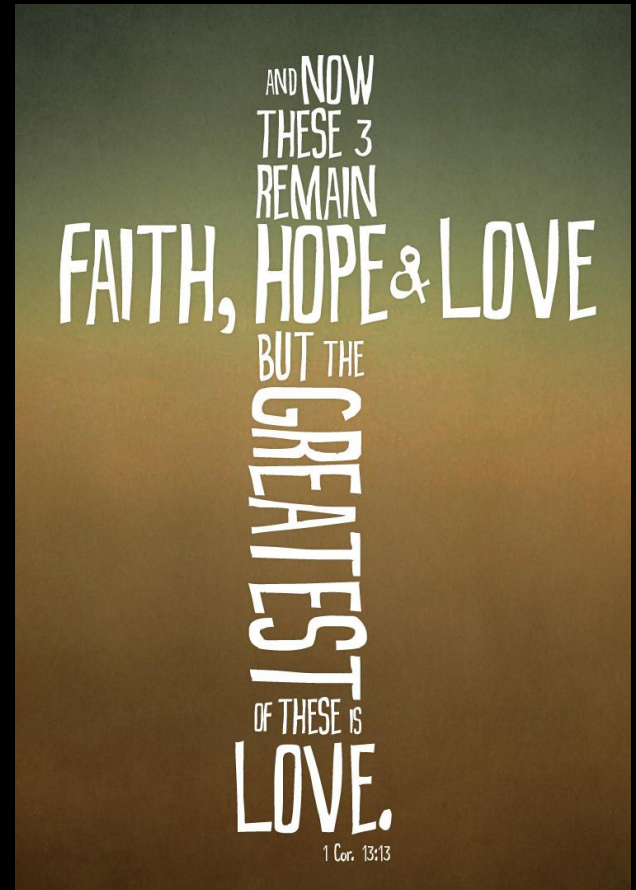
- Worship (8:11-14:40)
- Resurrection from the Dead (15:1-58)
- One another (16:1-24)



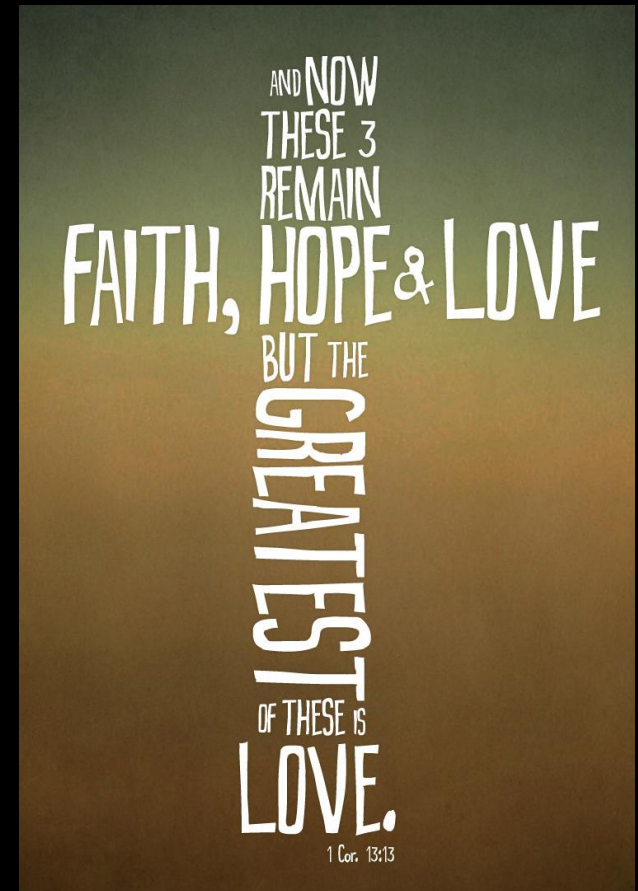
Reaction to Corinthian Letter (7:1-15:58)

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

A fascinating
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A truly international church

Macedonia (5)

Galatia (1)

Achaia (15)

Asia (19)

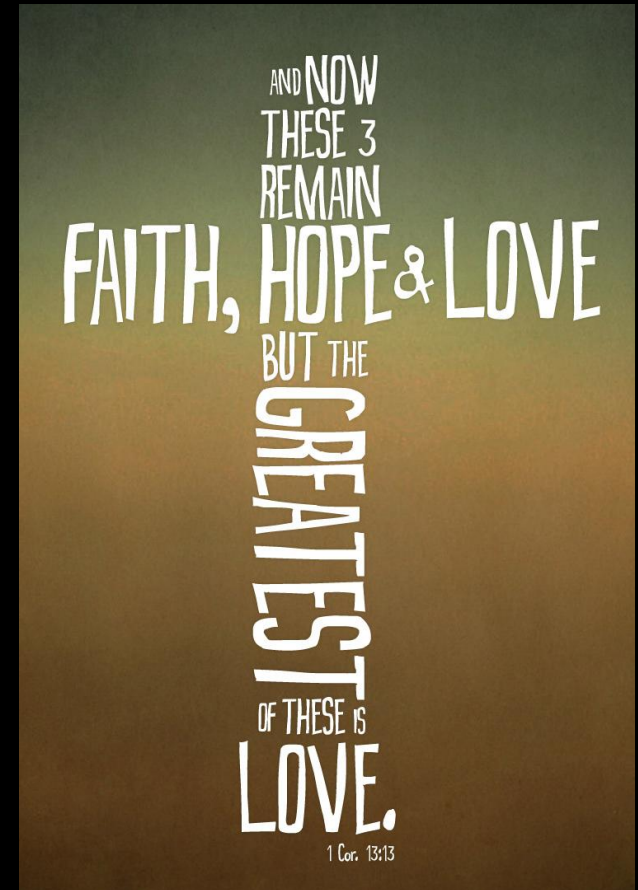


5 Roman Provinces Mentioned

Judea (3)

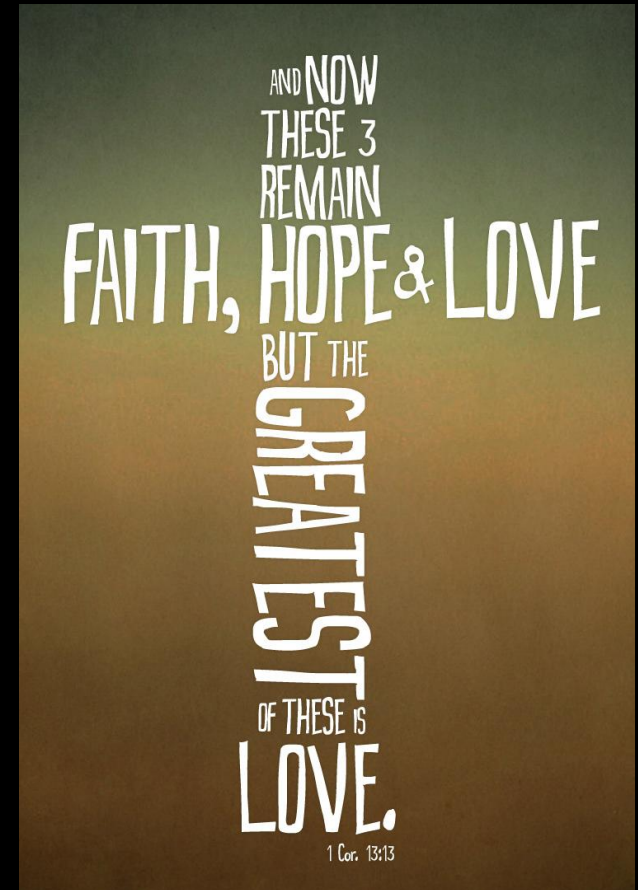
A truly interdependant church

- Giving to brothers and sisters (1-4)
- Helping Paul (5-9)
- Caring for Friends: Timothy (10-11) and Apollos (12)



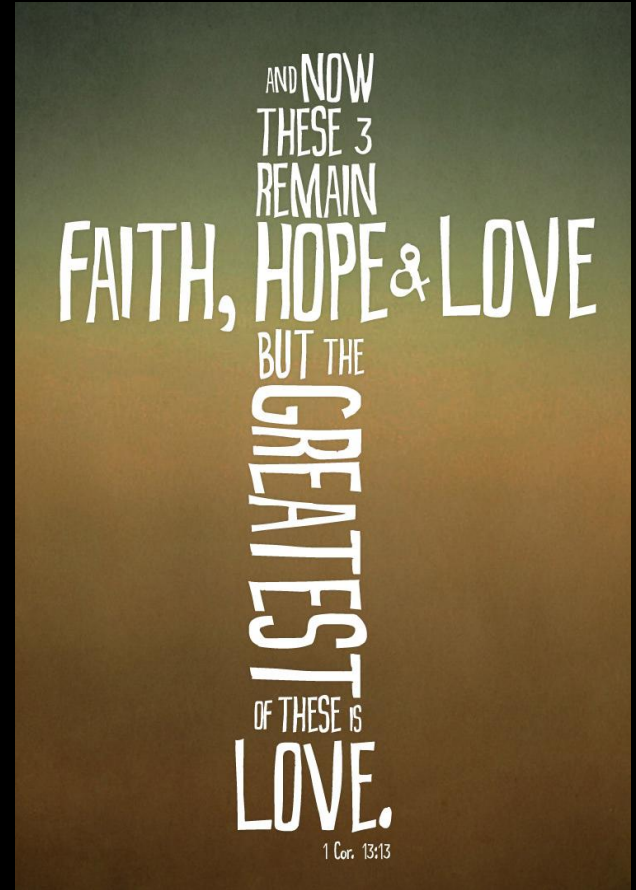
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- Respect for leaders (15-18)
- Final personal greeting (19-21)

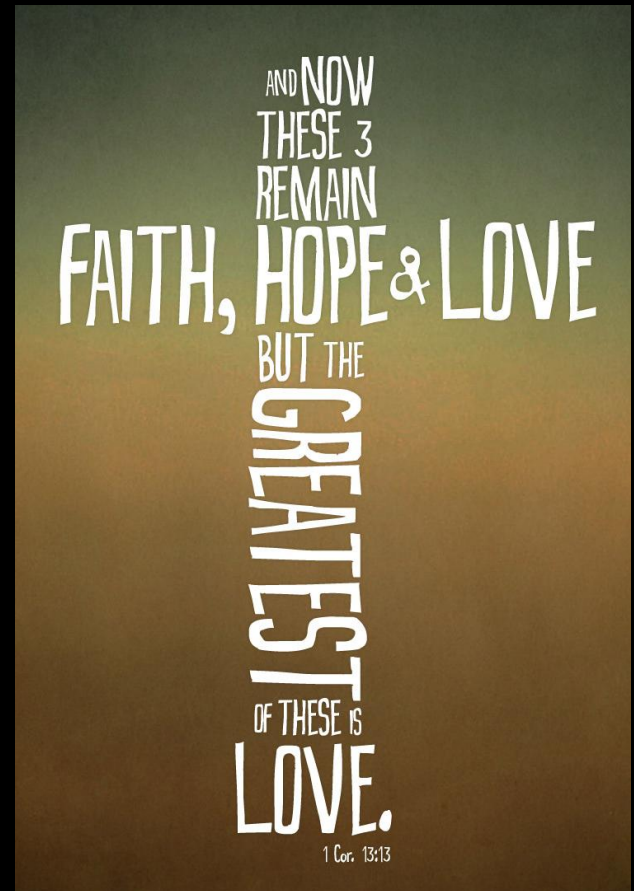


International and Interdependant?

We are a church with international connections, how can intensify our interdependence with them?

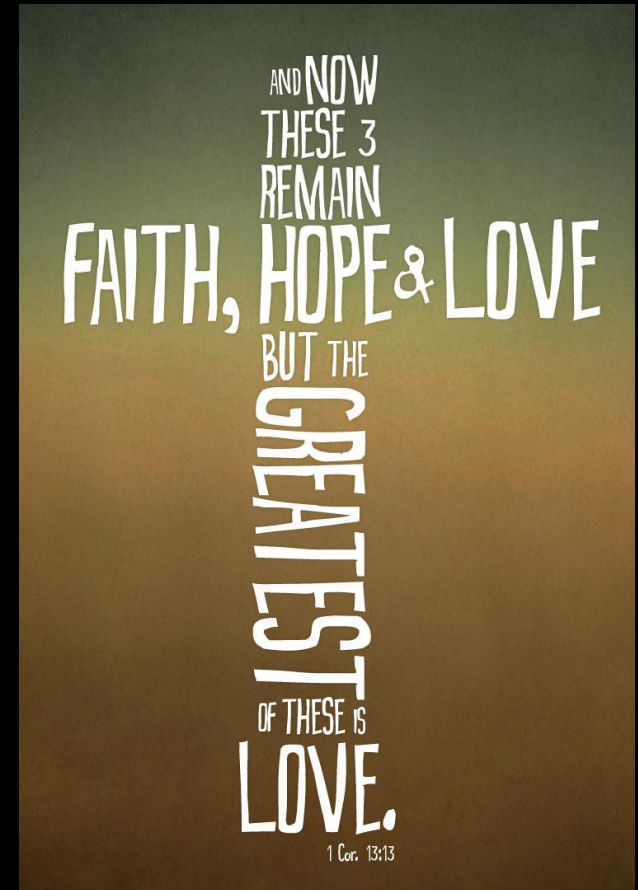


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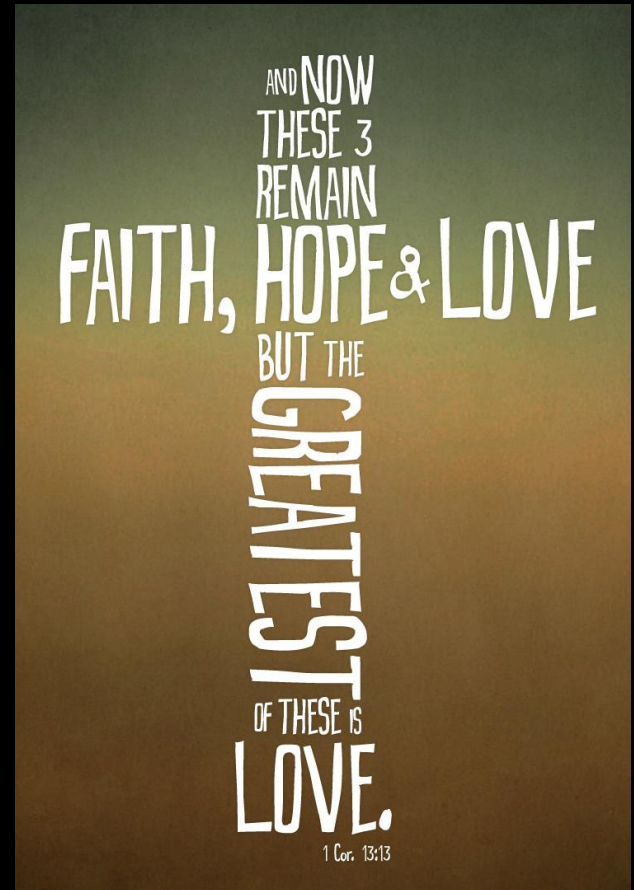
A Wide Door of Opportunity (1 Corinthians 16:9)

- Holy Spirit (Acts 19:2-7)
- Preaching in Synagogue (19:8)
- Hall of Tyrannus (19:9-10)
- Miracles (19:11-12)
- Serious believers! (19:17-

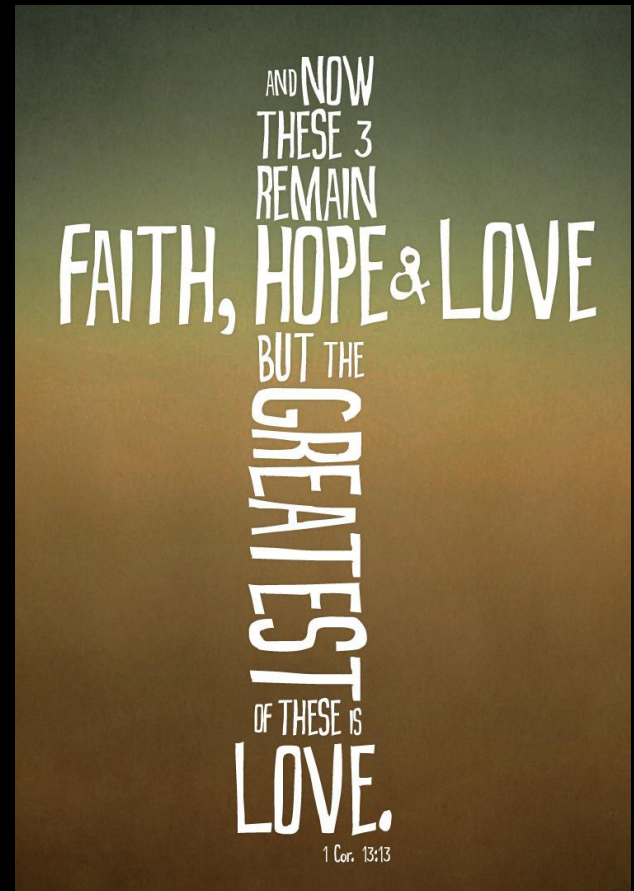


Much Opposition (1 Corinthians 16:9)

- Evil powers (Acts 19:13-16)
- Silversmiths (19:23-41)
- Jewish Hierarchy (20:18-19)



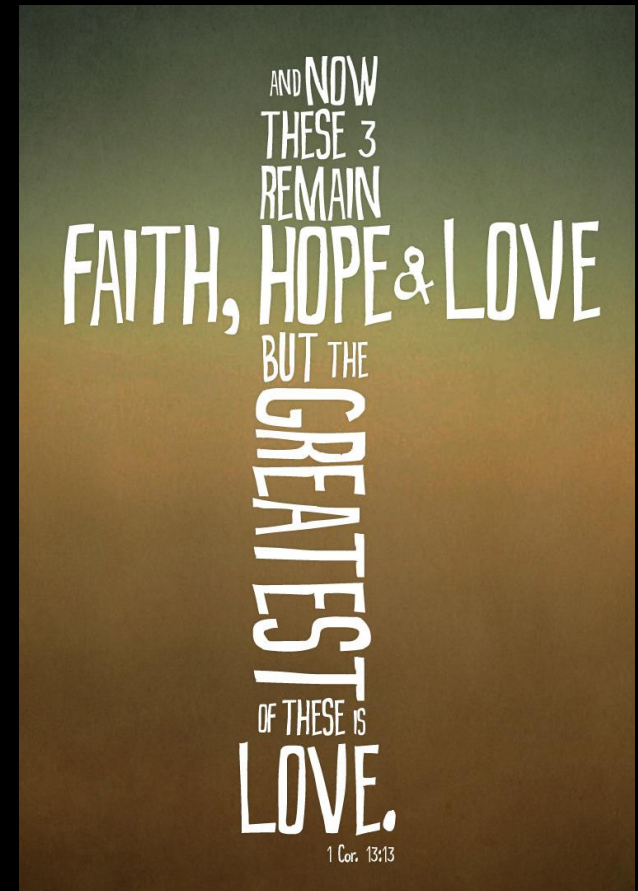
If things go well
it doesn't mean
God is blessing
and if things go
badly it doesn't
mean that he is
not!



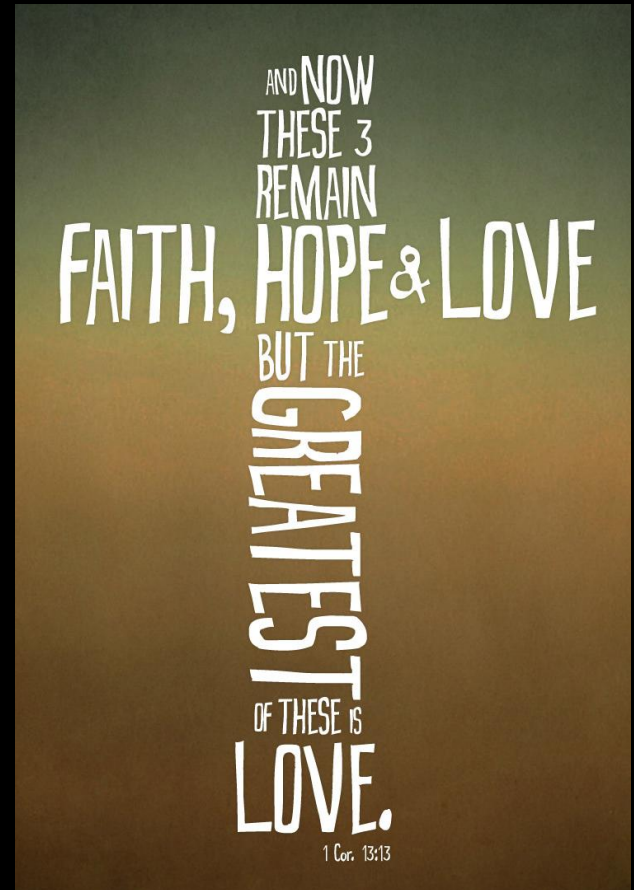
A church with opportunities but also facing opposition

What opportunities do we have here at Hertford that we are not using?

If we are facing no opposition, why not?

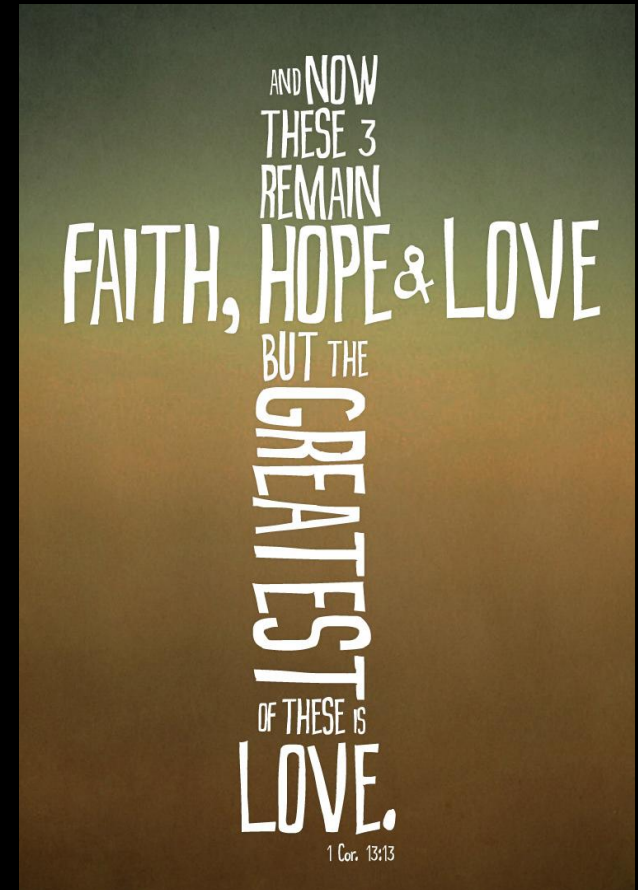


***A church with
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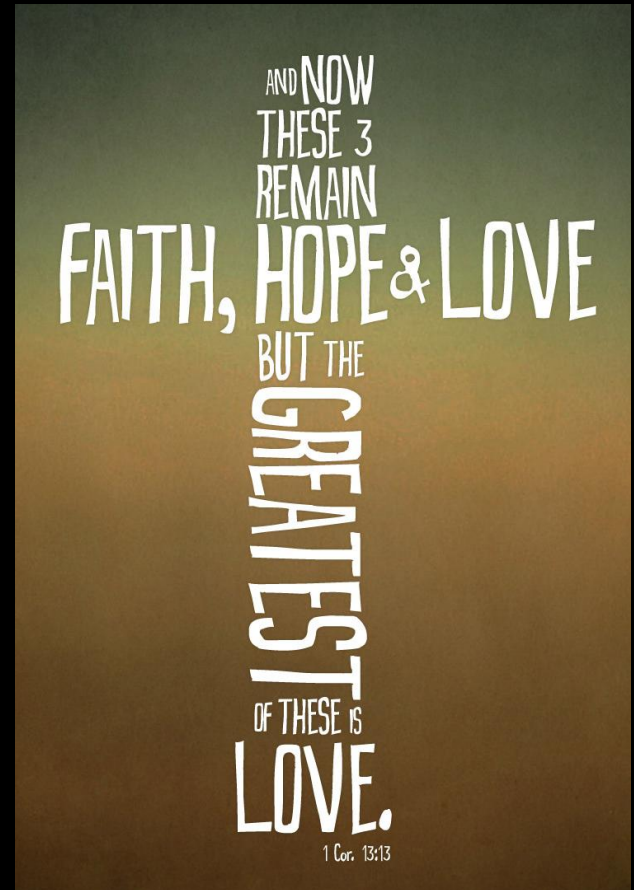
Resources

- Financial
- Gifting and willingness (16:15-16)



Responsibilities

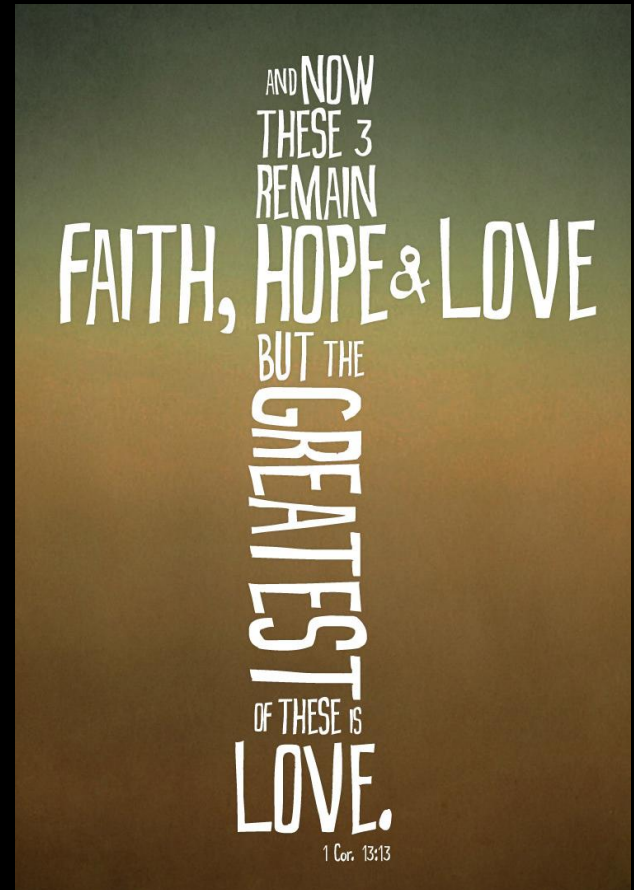
- Submit yourselves to worthy leaders
- Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.



Resources and Responsibilities

Am I a resource for Hertford Baptist's mission here and elsewhere?

What is my responsibility in taking part?



So what can we draw from this?

- Can we increase our international connections and intensify our interdependence with them?
- Should we search for more opportunities for witness and expect opposition because of them?
- How can we recognise our resources and respect our responsibilities?