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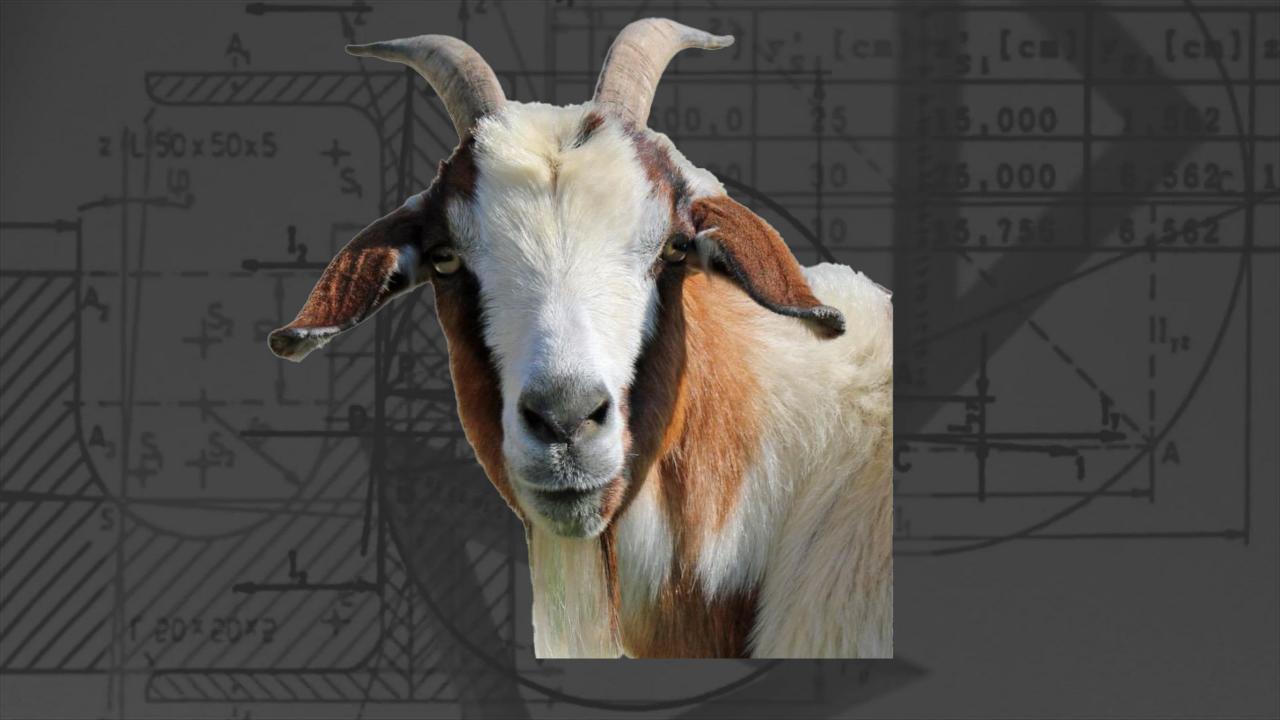
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"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thess. 1:3

"But since we belong to the day, let us be sober minded, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet."

1 Thess. 5:8





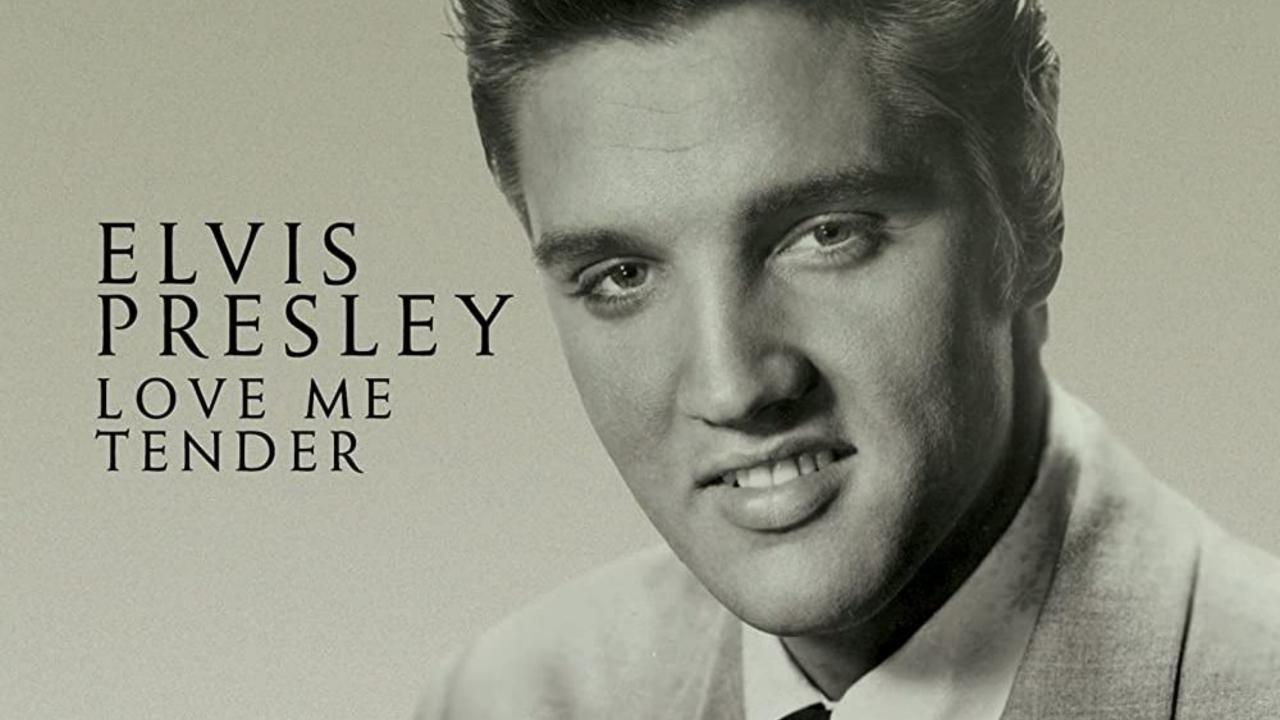


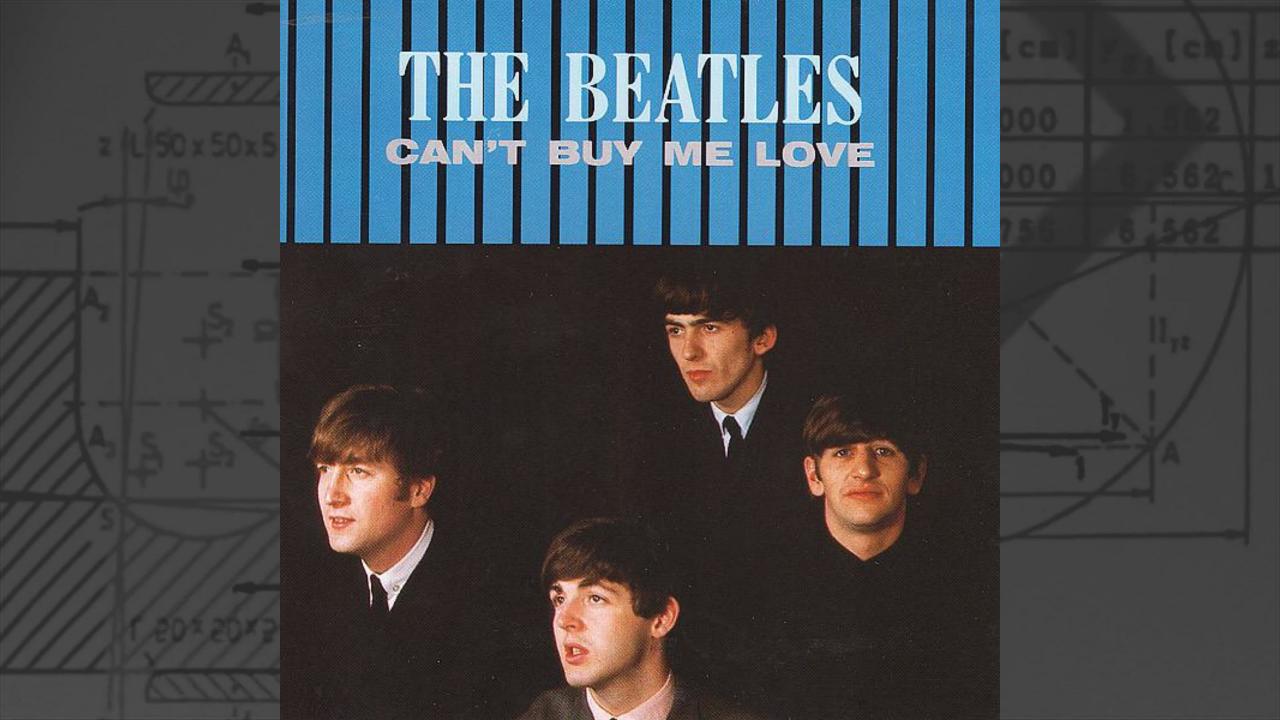


"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

1 Cor. 13:13

# Why is love the greatest?













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# Love precedes faith and hope.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

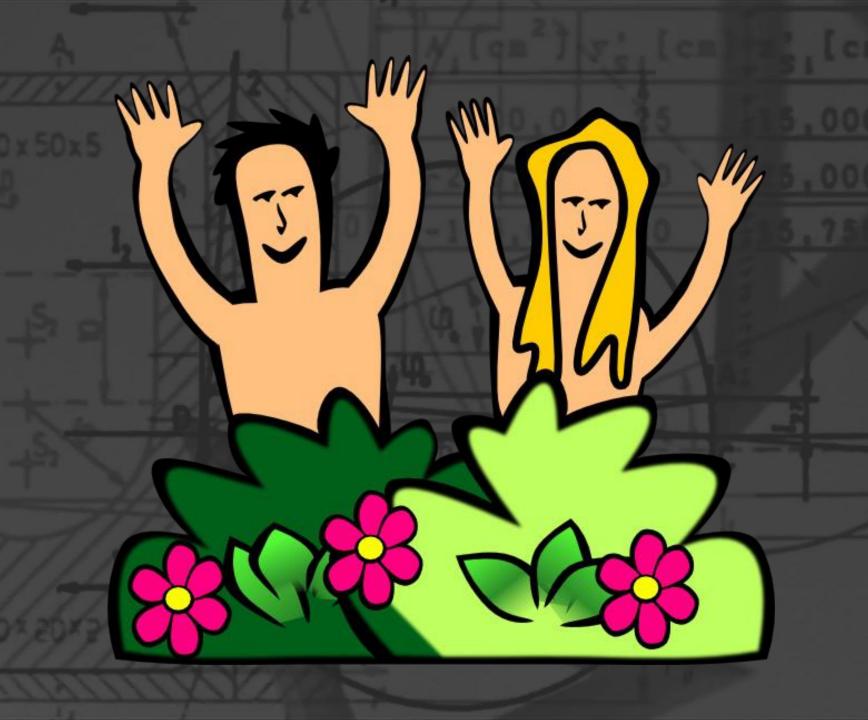
1 John 4:7-8

#### Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image,"

Genesis 1:28

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love"

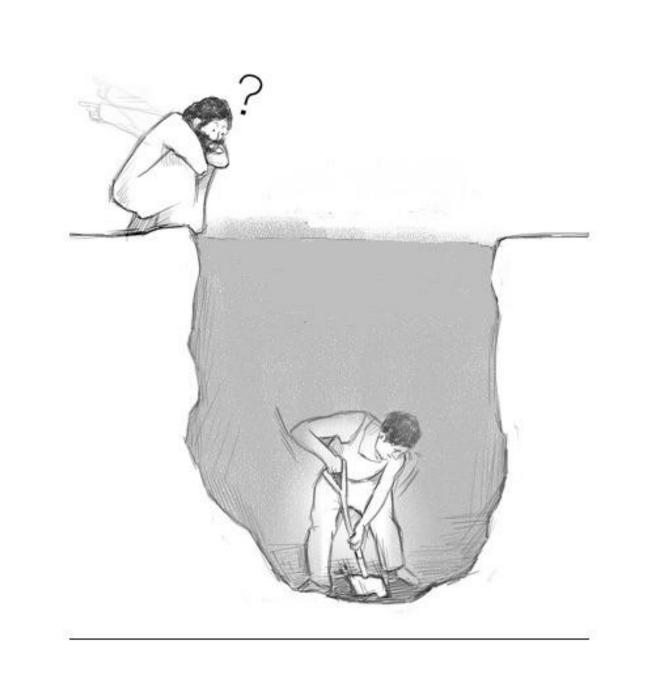
Ephesians 1:4





"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

Jeremiah 2:13



# Love produces faith and hope.

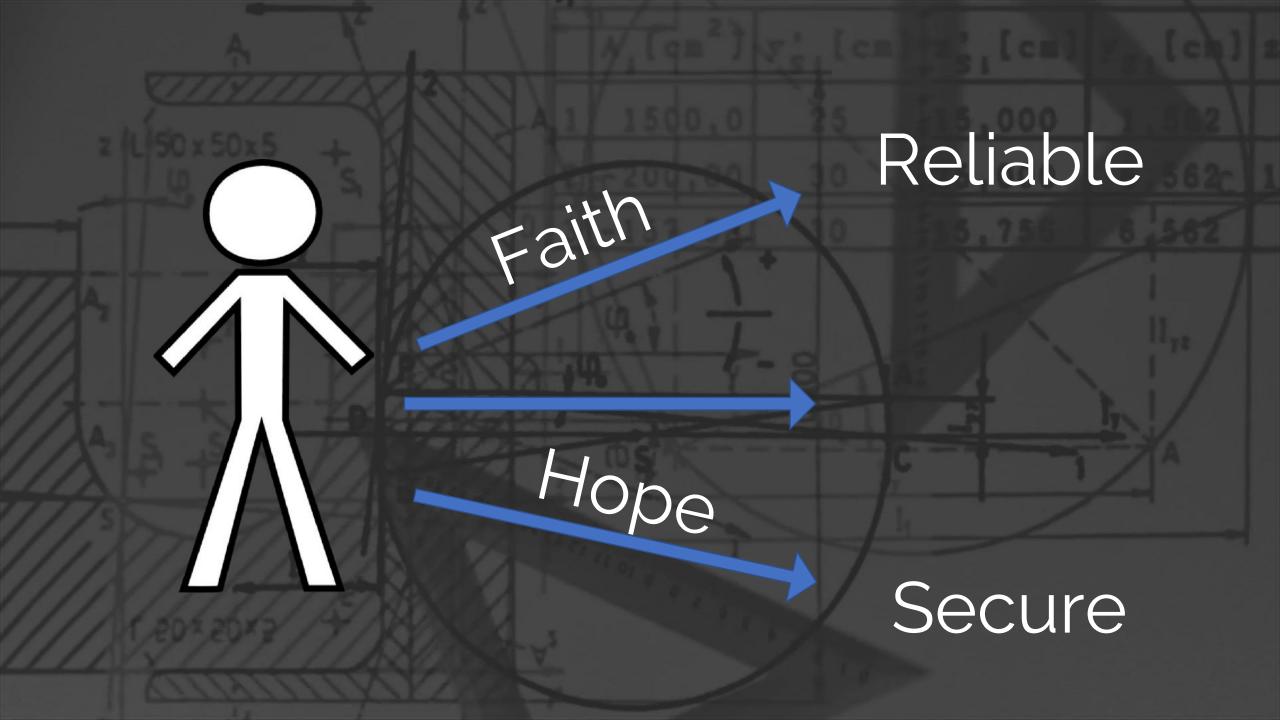
"For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

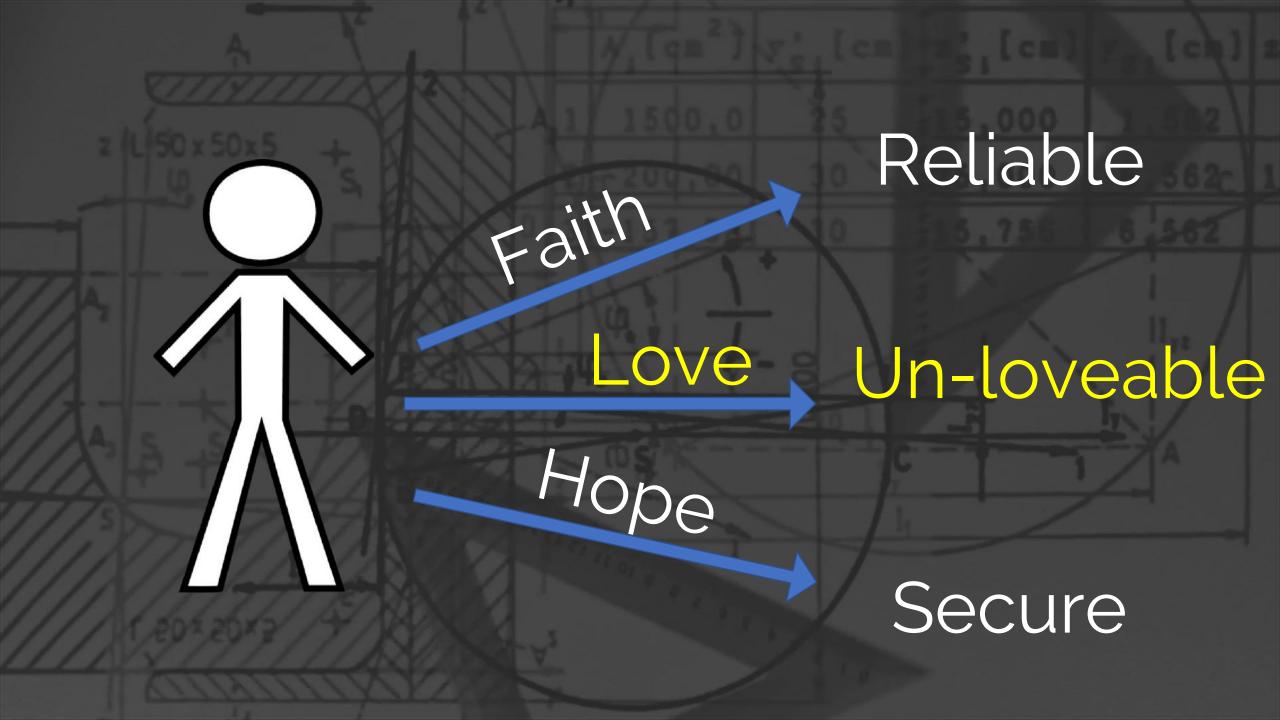
John 3:16

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Romans 5: 1; 4-5

# Love surpasses faith and hope.





"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."

Romans 5:6







"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven... If you love those who love you...Are not even the tax collectors doing that?"

Matt. 5: 43-46

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12: 18-19



### Love extends beyond faith and hope.

# How can we be people of Love?

### This love is counter cultural.

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#### This love is Jesus.

## This love is Jesus in us, to others.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Gal. 5: 22-23



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