



LEARNING TO LOVE, BUILDING RESILIENCE, TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

Love



God is the centre of the Christian faith, and God is love. Living as a Christian means treating everyone with respect and seeing ourselves, others, and the world as equally important as each other.

We live a life that is loving towards everyone, no matter who they are, where they are from, or what they believe, because everyone is made in God's image.

One of the most important lessons in life is how to show love through our attitudes and actions towards other people and the world itself.



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Hope



We often say we hope for things. We hope it doesn't rain when we want to go to the beach, for example. However, the Christian idea of hope is much more than that. It speaks of an expected outcome based on the belief that God keeps promises and we can live in a joyful confidence of this.

Christian hope is set in God, like an anchor in firm ground. We can be sure of its security. It is not wishful thinking, but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon and in this hope we can live a life of helping others to know the same.



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Courage



In the Bible, courage is shown to be deeper than just being brave.

It has the understanding of strength of character, and of secure standing in one's belief in God; to be determined in what we believe and how we live it out, to persist in the unwavering understanding that God is all we need at the centre of our lives to have inner security and peace of mind.



"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6