

UNDERSTANDING, FAITH AND HOPE

We read in the Bible of a threefold assurance. First, assurance of understanding. Secondly, assurance of faith. And thirdly, assurance of hope. Knowledge forms the proposition. Faith makes the assumption, and hope draws the conclusion.

Thus the Christian can say, I know from the word that the repentant, believing Sinner will be saved. My conscience shows me that I repent and believe. And although I am unworthy, I can firmly hope that I shall be saved. And as forcefully as the Christian agrees with God's truth and repents, so his hope will be strong, or weak.