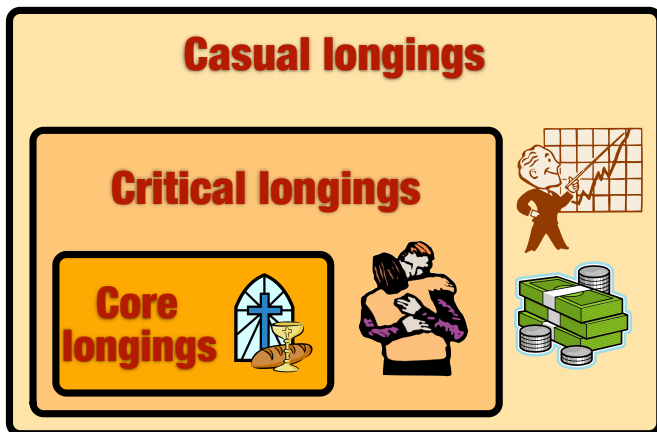


Faith

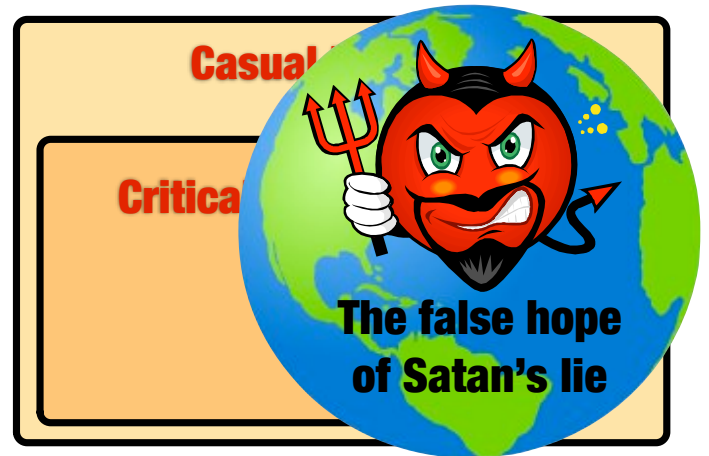
Seeing as real
what is yet but a hope.

“Faith empowers us to
move toward our hope
with confidence.”

Levels of human hope



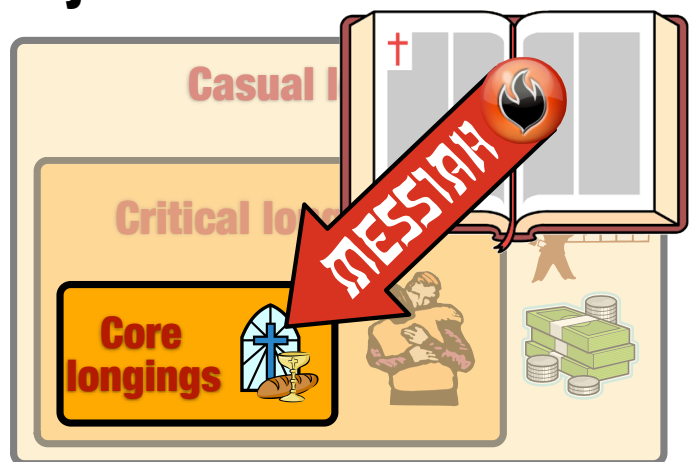
Satan's superficial agenda



Jesus called to serve Satan's agenda.



Jesus' focus on the soul



a study in
**trust through
dashed hopes**



Luke 15
“the parable
of the
Prodigal Sons”



**Both brothers
had their hopes crushed.**

**One found
faith.**



Luke 15
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Matthew 6

“¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

**Don't place your
hope in anything
that can fade
away or be taken
from you.**



Hebrews 6

“Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.”

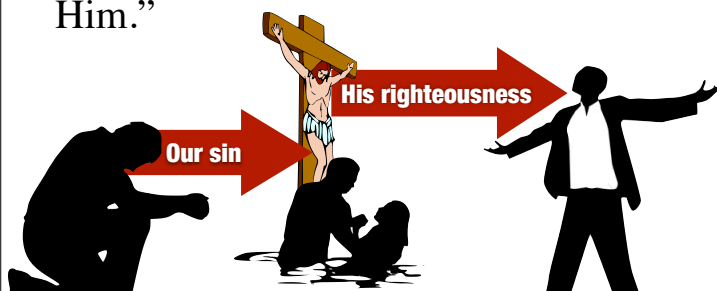
**Don't place your
hope in your own
righteousness.**



The Good News of the great swap.

2 Corinthians 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



Finding Faith #1

***- Coming to the end
of self.***

Finding Faith #2

- Seeing the Father's heart.

Losing Faith #2

- The fruit of a root of bitterness.

Christian Faith is not:

1.

A blind, irrational leap

but a reasoned response to the Cross.

2.

An emotional experience

so much as a willful transfer of hope.

3.

Hindered by reason

as much as by angry, rebellious, independence.

4.

Only an outward agreement with facts

but a change in direction of life.