

**My Anchor of Hope**

Hebrews 6:19-20

Our text is a continuation of (v.18) that speaks of us “*taking hold of the hope set before us.*”

What is this hope? The “hope” referred to in Hebrews 6 is Jesus Christ. We know this because:

(a). Verse 19 personifies hope with “*this hope we have [is] ... **one** who enters within the veil.*”

(b). Verse 18 speaks of “*taking refuge ... in the hope set before us.*”

(c). The Apostle Paul in referring to Christ says “***He** is our hope*” (see also Titus 2:13).

So when you say something like “I’ve lost all hope” you are not speaking truthfully. My hope of blessing from God (v. 14) is based on Jesus’ blood and righteousness. You can never lose hope.

**I. Jesus Christ is the anchor of my soul ... “we have an anchor of the soul” (v. 19).**

When you realize, as Abraham did (v. 14), that God’s promise of blessing is in Jesus Christ, then you have *an anchor of the soul* that is “sure and steadfast.” These words modify anchor.

**A. Your anchor is sure ... meaning there is no slippage of the blessing of God in your life.**

Everything in your life ultimately works for your good, because of Jesus Christ in you.

You don’t have to lie, cheat, defend, orchestrate, manipulate or intimidate. It’s all good.

Live life in honesty, transparency and humility—God’s blessings are yours via Christ.

**B. Your anchor is steadfast ... meaning there is no shortage of the blessings of God.**

“*He is able to do immeasurably more than you could ever ask or think*” (Eph. 3:20).

Whatever circumstances you find yourself in today, you have fled to REFUGE. Relax.

**II. Jesus Christ is the forerunner of my life ... “whither the forerunner is” (v. 20).**

Sometimes you may feel whipped around by the rough waves of life that rock your boat.

You need to know the basis for why all the blessings of a holy God are yours in Jesus Christ.

Your hope (Jesus Christ) “has entered behind the veil.” What does that mean for you now?

**A. The judgment of God upon you has been meted out at Christ’s death.**

He’s ahead, helping you avoid mistakes, mediating in mistakes, merciful after mistakes.

All the wrath of the Creator was borne by Him at Calvary and His blood redeems you.

**B. The blessings of God for you have been guaranteed by Christ’s life and resurrection.**

This is the great doctrine of “justification.” You are not only forgiven by the death of

Christ, you are blessed by the life and resurrection of Christ. His perfect obedience to

the Father’s will merits extraordinary and untold blessings from the Father. These are

now blessings, an inheritance, that you receive because you are justified by grace.

**III. Jesus Christ is the High Priest of my faith ... “having become a high priest forever” (v. 20).**

A priest is one who acts as the go-between for man and God. What is it that you need? Your priest makes the request. The Roman Catholic Church has said of you that you need a priest

on earth. Southern Baptists sometimes act as if you need a priest on earth. The Bible is clear that when you flee to Christ for refuge, He becomes your high priest forever! This means:

**A. Jesus Christ is your Advocate ... He continually makes requests on your behalf. He is in charge of all the angels, and He dispenses angels to serve you in your time of need.****B. Jesus Christ is your Intercessor ... we understand the importance of people praying for us, but have you ever considered that Jesus Christ intercedes with the Trinity for YOU?****C. Jesus Christ is your Sustainer ... the one who encourages, sustains and supports you.**

Without doubt that with this kind of Hope, an anchor for your soul, you will never fail.