**Edward Christian Church *“Hope -The Anchor of Your Soul”* -pt 4**

What an **Anchor** is to a **Ship**, **Hope** is to the **Soul**. They both **Stabilize** - **Hold Steady** amidst the **Storms** in life. **Every** Christian has been given a **Secure Anchor** in the **Person of Christ**...

 *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* -**Heb 6:19**

 **Similarities Between Hope and Faith**

**Hope and Faith... Are** Integral **to** **Salvation**.

*"In this* ***hope*** *we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?"*

 **-Romans 8:24**

*"It is by grace you have been saved, through* ***faith****—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."*

 **-Ephesians 2:8**

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**Hope and Faith... Are Christian** Virtues.

*"Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on* ***faith*** *and love as a breastplate, and the* ***hope*** *of* *salvation as a helmet."* -**1 Thessalonians 5:8**

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**Hope and Faith... Involve The** Unseen.

*"In this hope we were saved. But* ***hope*** *that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?"*

 **-[Romans 8:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+8%3A24)**

*"We live by* ***faith****, not by sight."* **-2 Corinthians 5:7**

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**Hope and Faith... Require** Trust**.**

*"May the God of* ***hope*** *fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* **-Romans 15:13**

*"To the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his* ***faith*** *is credited as righteousness."*

 **-Romans 4:5**

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**Hope and Faith...** Please **the Lord.**

*"The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their* ***hope*** *in his unfailing love."* **-Psalm 147:11**

*"Without* ***faith*** *it is impossible to please God."* **-Hebrews 11:6**

The **anchor** of **hope** and the **rode (***connector***)** of **faith** can be seen as **one**. In boating, the **rode** is so securely **connected** to the **ship** and to the **anchor** that it can be considered "one" with them. This is the **case** in the Christian's **relationship** with Jesus Christ, our **hope**, our **anchor**. We have become one with Him, so that ***our faith*** and ***our hope*** are **entwined** like a **braided rope**—**separate** yet working as one, **tethering** us to our **Lord**. The Bible says, *"Your faith and hope are in God."* **-1 Peter 1:21**

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