

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

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*

Hope and Faith... Involve The Unseen.

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

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

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

