

Edward Christian Church “*Hope -The Anchor of Your Soul*” -pt 8

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

The Benefits of Hope

Why does the Lord **ask** you to **put** your **hope** in **Him**? It is **not** for **His** sake, but for **yours**! You **will** be **tossed** about by the **waves/ battered** by **winds**, but your **faith** in Him **can replace** your **fear**. Although your **anchor** is **unseen**, you will **feel** its **pull / know** it is **holding you**. Realize, the **stronger** the **storm**, the **stronger** the **pull**. **If** your **anchor** is Jesus Christ, your **anchor** will **hold**!

"Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption." -Psalm 130:7

When you **feel uncertain** about **life**, **adrift** on an **uncharted course**, the **Lord** wants you to **look** to Him as your **anchor** and to **rely** on His **compass- His biblical promises-** to **chart** your **course**. Since Jesus is **God**, if He is your **anchor**, He **will hold** you **secure** and **fulfill** every promise.

His Blessed Hope...

1. Provides You Joy in Living

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -Romans 12:12

"Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." -Romans 5:2

2. Generates Faith and Love in You

"We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel." -Col 1:4-5

3. Causes You to Live a Pure Life

"Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure." -1 John 3:3

4. Inspires You to Persevere with Endurance

"We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." -1 Thess 1:3

5. Uplifts Your Downcast Soul

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." -Psalm 42:5

6. Causes You to Praise God

"As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more." -Psalm 71:14

7. Anchors Your Soul

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain." -Hebrews 6:19

8. Generates Boldness in You

"Since we have such a hope, we are very bold." -2 Corinthians 3:12

9. Develops Your Patience

"If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." -Romans 8:25

10. Establishes Your Security and Safety

"You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you/ take your rest in safety." -Job 11:18

When He was **tested**, he was **victorious** over the **most violent** of **storms**. He **withstood** the **ferocious** winds the **army of hell** sent **against** Him. He was **strong** enough to **withstand** the **heaviest stress** w/o **breaking**. His **holding** power is without **question** and He will **Hold** You!