

Edward Christian Church "Hope -The Anchor of Your Soul" -pt 10

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

Drifting... How to Have an Anchored Life

Anchors **Must** be **Tested**. Each new anchor is **taken out** on a ship, **attached** to a **chain/ cast overboard**. The **casting** is **repeated** at **different depths** of water/ into **different water** bottoms containing **different** sediments. **Stress** is put on the anchor to see if the **metal** or the **shaft** of the anchor will **twist** or **break** or if the anchor will **drag** or **slip**. Each of the anchors is **tested before** it is **sold** in order to **establish** that it **will hold secure**.

We have an **anchor... Jesus...** who, when **tested**, has **never bent, broken, slid, or slipped**. Therefore, **when** the **stresses of life come your way**, as your **anchor, He will hold you firm/ secure**.

"He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." -Psalm 40:2

Accept Christ as Your Only Hope.

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms." -Ephesians 1:18-20

Never Put Your Hope In What Is Seen, But Hope In What You Do Not See.

"In this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." -Romans 8:24-25

Claim the Plans and Promises Of God.

"I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" -Jeremiah 29:11

Hope in the Redeeming Power of God.

"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

Offer Genuine Faith, Hope, and Love to Other Christians.

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because 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 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth." -Colossians 1:3-6

Reach Out to Others So that They Might Know the Hope of His Calling.

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