

## **MY HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST**

### **Hebrews 6:17-20**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- A. Songs of Hope:
  - 1. I Know Whom I Have Believed
  - 2. My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
  - 3. Whispering Hope
  - 4. Will Your Anchor Hold?
- B. But what is hope?
  - 1. Hope is God given, Romans 15:13.
  - 2. Hope is a factor in salvation, Romans 8:24.
  - 3. And hope that is seen, is not hope, Rom. 8:24.
  - 4. In writing to Timothy, Paul says Christ is our hope, 1 Timothy 1:1.
- C. Let's look at three scenes in the Bible to help us know better about this hope, an anchor which is sure and steadfast.

#### **I. ABRAHAM'S HOPE.**

- A. Received Promise from God (age 75), Genesis 12.
  - 1. I will give you land.
  - 2. I will bless you and make you a great nation.
  - 3. In you all the families of earth blessed.
- B. Birth of Isaac (age 100), Genesis 18; Romans 4:18-21.
  - 1. Hope and faith linked together.
  - 2. The wonderful grace of God.
- C. Commanded to Sacrifice Isaac, Genesis 22.
  - 1. Take your son, your only son...
  - 2. Burnt offering to the Lord.
- D. Abraham's Hope.
  - 1. Based on the promises of God [faith].
  - 2. God was fulfilling His promises to Abraham and Abraham trusted.

#### **II. THE APOSTLE'S HOPE (Fast forward to a little over 2000 years).**

- A. Upper Room.
  - 1. Passover meal, Mt. 26.
    - a. One will betray Me.
    - b. I will never drink of this again (Mark 14:25).
  - 2. Washing feet, Jn. 13.
    - a. A little longer and I will be leaving.
    - b. Where I am going you cannot come.
- B. Skepticism!
  - 1. Fear of the unknown.
  - 2. What now?
- C. Jesus' promise – John 14:1-6.
  - 1. We may question why the apostles feared.
    - a. Witnessed the miracles performed over nature, sickness, death.

2. O ye of little faith!
- D. In the Garden.
  1. Apostles in fear of their lives.
  2. After the crucifixion and resurrection, they hid in a locked room.
  3. Jesus appears to them on several occasions.
- E. The Apostles' Theme:
  1. Acts 23:6 – the hope and resurrection of dead.
  2. Acts 26:6-7 – the hope of the promise.
    - a. Not just the coming of the Messiah.
    - b. The hope of an eternal kingdom.
  3. Titus 1:2; 3:7

### **III. THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE (Fast forward another 2000 years).**

- A. Hebrews 6:18-19.
  1. This hope an anchor in life – sure and steadfast – no doubt!
  2. Why?
    - a. Matthew 6:19-21 – treasure in heaven.
    - b. Phil. 3:20 – citizenship in heaven.
    - c. Luke 10:20; Heb. 12:22-23 – name written in heaven.
    - d. Ephesians 1:20 – our Lord in heaven.
- B. The Common Denominator – HEAVEN.
  1. 2 Corinthians 4:14, 17-18
  2. Colossians 3:1-4 – affections to be set on heaven.
  3. Romans 5:1-2 – we boast in this hope!
  4. My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
    - a. Because Jesus died, He rose, and is at the right hand of God.
    - b. Hebrews 6:18-19
  5. *On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*