

The Anchor of the Soul

Introduction:

- A. Sectarians often ridicule Christians because we say we “hope” to go to heaven rather than we “know” we will.
- B. But we can have “full assurance” in our hope.- Hebrews 6:9-20
- C. How can we live in hope?

I. What is “hope” ?

- A. definition: “desire + expectation”
- B. Its object is something not actually possessed. - Romans 8:24-25
- C. It is based on faith.- Hebrews 11:1
 - 1. in God’s word - Romans 10:17; Titus 1:2
 - 2. in Jesus’ resurrection- 1 Corinthians 15:20

II. What is the object of our hope? - 1 Peter 1:3-5; Ephesians 4:4

III. How can we have this hope?

- A. Basis: Christ - 1 Timothy 1:1
- B. Means: Things that Accompany Salvation- Hebrews 6:9-12; 11:6
- C. Grounds: Faithfulness of God - Hebrews 6:13-20; Genesis 22:1-18; Galatians 3:28-29

Conclusion:

- A. My fondest desire is to dwell in that fair land of the blessed. - Deuteronomy 34:1-7
- B. Will you go with me? - Numbers 10:29