

"EVERYONE HAS AN ANCHOR"

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Introduction

There is nothing _____ that can promise security.

Hebrews 6:19 (NASB) – *This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters into the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us.....*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Vs 1 – *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name,*

Vs 2 – *When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.*

Ephesians 1:3-6 (The Message) – ³⁻⁶ *How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.*

The Ascension focuses on Jesus who is the _____ of our
_____ going before us. This Anchor is tied to the hope of the
bedrock _____ of His Word.

Q: What is this Hope?

Hebrews 6:17-18 – ¹⁷ *So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.*

Q: What difference does Ascension make in our lives?

Ephesians 1:18 – *having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.*

Ephesians 1:20-23 (The Message) – ²⁰⁻²³ *All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.*

It reveals the power of God who:

_____ Jesus from the dead v.20

_____ Jesus at the right hand of the throne v.20

_____ Jesus above all powers and demons v.21

_____ at Jesus' feet all things v.22

_____ the Church in Jesus to be at the center v.23

Q: Where are you casting the anchor of hope in your life?

Q: Has the Anchor of Christ taken hold of your Soul?

Conclusion