**Hope In God – Heb. 6: 18 -20**

**Review:**

I hope in God because I am born again 1 Pet 1; I hope in God because of my trials Rom 5

I hope in God because of God’s promises Heb 10; I hope in God because of God’s Word Rom 15

**Focal Truth: I hope in God because Jesus Christ my high priest is alive in heaven**

Paul encourages – 6:11 show same diligence as to realize the full assurance of hope firm until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises

**Observations**

1. **I hope in God because He has given His unchangeable promise & oath regarding my salvation – 6:18**

*So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us*

God’s promise & oath to Abraham & the heirs of the promise: 6:13 – 15

6:13 - when God made a promise to Abraham…He swore by himself

6:14 – I will surely bless you and I will multiply you

6:15 – so having patiently waited he obtained the promise

1. God’s promise & oath are unchangeable – I wait hopefully to obtain the promise of heaven

**Ps. 110:4 – the Lord has sworn & will not change His mind**

1. It is impossible for God to lie – **I wait hopefully to obtain the promise of heaven**

Tit. 1:2 – in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ago…

1. We who have taken refuge – believe in Jesus – have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us – **I wait hopefully to obtain the promise of heaven**

**Hope produces strong encouragement in God’s promises**

Strong encouragement to believe His promises & His oath

Strong encouragement to wait for His promises to come

Strong encouragement to remove strong discouragements in my troubles

1. **My hope in God is firm and secure like an anchor set in heaven where Jesus is alive 6:19**

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil*

1. Hope in God is the anchor of my soul
2. Hope in the promise & oath of God is like an anchor holds my confidence in God in the storms of life

Rom. 4:18 – 20 - in hope against hope he believed…without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body now, as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb, yet with respect to the promise of God he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God

1. Hope in the promise & oath of God is like an anchor that keeps me from drifting away from hope

*Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven keeps my faith from slipping away!*

1. The promises & oath of God anchor my hope securely in heaven where the Lord Jesus is my great high priest!

**Hope like an anchor, holds the soul steady to outride the storms of sorrow that beat against it!**

1. **I hope in God because the Lord Jesus Christ has entered heaven forever as my great high priest – 6:20**

*where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek*

1. Jesus Christ has entered as the forerunner for us to heaven

Heb. 9:24 – Jesus Christ has entered heaven to appear before God on our behalf

1. Jesus Christ has become a high priest forever for us

Heb. 8:1 – we have a high priest who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens

Heb. 8:6 – he has obtained a more excellent ministry by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant which is enacted on better promises

Heb. 9:11 – 12 – when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, he entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands that is to say, not of this creation, and not through the blood of goats and calves of a heifer, but through his own blood, he entered the holy place once for all having obtained eternal redemption

**Things to Remember**

1. Jesus Christ is alive today in heaven – the high priest of every believer!
2. Because Jesus Christ lives today, there is hope for everyday!
3. Hope in Jesus Christ the high priest produces confident encouragement in life’s trials & expectation for heaven after death
4. Hopefulness grows in the awareness that Jesus Christ the Lord is alive today!

**Daily Use**

1. Put your trust in the living Lord Jesus Christ
2. Rest in the living Lord Jesus Christ who is your great high priest in heaven
3. Go to the living Lord Jesus Christ – high priest in prayer with all your needs