**Christ our High Priest – Heb. 6:19 -20**

**Focal Truth: Believers live in confident hope since Jesus Christ is the eternal high priest**

**Observations:**

1. **Believer’s live in enduring faith & confident hope of the promises of God – 11 -12**

*So as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end*

1. God’s purpose is that believers live in this world in full assurance of hope until the end of life
2. Full assurance of hope in the promises of God in Christ – Heb. 10:22 – draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith…

* **Full assurance – no fear, no anxiety, no doubts in God’s promises in Christ**
* **Full assurance – confidently enduring in faith in God’s promises in Christ**

6:12 – *so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promise*

* **Full assurance in having eternal life – inheriting the promise**

1. **God assures believers by His unchanging person & promise – 13 -17**
2. God promised Abraham with an oath & promise – 13 – 14 – *when God promised Abraham since He could swear by no one greater He swore by Himself*
3. God assures with his promise & oath - faith acts on those promises – 15 – 17 – *so having patiently waited, he obtained the promise*

**Assurance in God’s promises is guaranteed by the very unchanging holy character of God**

**What God promises – He provides!**

**What God promises – We can trust**

1. **Believers confident hope in the world is set on Jesus Christ who has gone ahead of them to heaven as their eternal high priest – 18 – 20**
2. The believer lives by faith hopefully confident in the promises of God in Christ – 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.*

***Faith in Christ leads to hope in Christ = this is the believer’s refuge – security, hiding place in the storms***

Heb. 3:6 – Christ was faithful as a son over His house – whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and boast of our hope firm until the end

Heb. 7:19 – there is a bringing in of a better hope through which we draw near to God

1. The believer’s confident hope is the anchor of the soul in the storms of the life – 19

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul…*

1. An anchored soul is a **waiting soul** – David said, and now Lord for what do I wait? My hope is in you
2. An anchored soul is a **quiet soul** – David said, my soul wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him
3. An anchored soul is a **tested soul** – Rom. 5:4 – perseverance, proven character, and proven character, hope
4. An anchored soul is an **expectant soul** – Rom. 5:5 – hope does not disappoi
5. The believer’s confident hope is sure & firm anchored in heaven in the high priest Jesus Christ – 19

*A hope both sure & steadfast and one which enters within the veil*

1. The believer’s hope is sure & firm Christ **has entered** “within the veil”
2. Jesus Christ the high priest **lives** “within the veil”
3. Jesus Christ the high priest **remains** “within the veil”

***Faith & hope in Christ in heaven brings assurance & confidence in life on the earth***

1. Jesus Christ has entered heaven as eternal high priest as forerunner leading believers into heaven – 20
2. Jesus Christ has entered heaven **first** for believers – forerunner = one who comes in advance to a place where the rest are to follow
3. Jesus Christ has entered heaven **only** for believers
4. Jesus Christ has entered heaven **leading the way** for believers to follow

***Jesus Christ today has gone to heaven so that believers may follow him to heaven from earth***

**Things to remember & do**

1. What God has promised in Christ – He provides through Jesus Christ
2. Faith in Christ produces hope in Christ our refuge – hiding place on earth
3. Faith & hope in Christ the eternal high priest in heaven produces confident assurance on earth
4. *Jesus Christ today has gone to heaven so that believers may follow him to heaven from earth*

**The old hymn says it:**

Then let our songs abound and every tear be dry, We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground, we’re marching through Immanuel’s ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer world’s on high.

We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion, We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near the door! Come Lord Jesus!**