

The Hope Set Before us

Heb. 6:10-20

Introduction:

- A. The Christian's hope is an anchor of the soul (v. 19).
 - 1. It is "sure and steadfast"
 - 2. It is "full assurance" (v. 11).
- B. The Christian's hope transcends this life (cf. 1 Cor. 15:19)
 - 1. The hope of the resurrection. (Context)
 - 2. The hope of eternal life (Tit. 3:7).
- C. The Christian's hope is not a mere subjective dream.
 - 1. It can be objectively defended (1 Tim. 3:15)
 - 2. Our text gives us a three-fold basis for the hope set before us:

Discussion:

I. The Certainty of God's Promise (vv. 13-18).

- A. His proven record (vv. 13-15).
- B. His two "immutable things" — promise and oath.
- C. His very nature.
 - 1. Immutable (unchanging) nature. (Cf. Heb. 13:8).
 - 2. Cannot lie (cf. Tit. 1:2).

II. The Redemptive Work of Jesus (vv. 19-20).

- A. He entered with his own blood (Heb. 9:12).
 - 1. The blood shed in his death on the cross.
 - 2. The blood shed for the remission of sins (Matt. 26:28).
- B. He entered after being "raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:25; cf. 1 Thess. 4:13-14).
- C. He continues his redemptive work as our high priest forever. (Heb. 4:14-16).

III. The Diligence of Our Service (vv. 10-12).

- A. Involves work and labor (v. 10).
- B. Involves showing diligence unto the end (v. 11; cf Rev. 2:10).
- C. Involved being "not slothful" (v. 12).
- D. Involves faith and patience (v. 12).

Conclusion

- A. What a hope!
- B. Do you have right to the hope?
 - 1. Has your sins been washed away (Acts 22:16)
 - 2. Are you diligently serving the Lord?