

## THE HOPE SET BEFORE US

Text: Heb. 6:13-20

- “Hope” in Bible does not refer to a hope-so, make-a-wish hope, but a \_\_\_\_\_-so hope; the absolute certainty of a future reality.
    - Hope (n.) = future we are \_\_\_\_\_ as believers in Christ.
    - Hope (v.) = to look forward with certainty to that future, live in the light of it, and \_\_\_\_\_ patiently for it.
  - “The hope set before us” = all the promises of God referred to in vs. 12.
- I. OUR HOPE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13-15)**
- “Promise to Abraham” = God’s promise to make Abraham a great nation, through whom all nations would be blessed, to give them the land, and to give him a \_\_\_\_\_ through whom the promise would come (Gen. 22:16-18).
  - Applications: God expects us to patiently \_\_\_\_\_ as Abraham did:
    - We should allow God’s promises to \_\_\_\_\_ all the decisions of our lives as we wait patiently and prepare ourselves to receive all He has promised us.
    - We should \_\_\_\_\_ God faithfully and stay true to Him through testing.
    - We should reckon that the ultimate fulfillment of God’s Word to us will not be received in our lifetime but in the \_\_\_\_\_ to come.
  - Our hope = the same as Abraham’s.
    - Vs. 12, “promises” (plural) and vs. 15, “promise” (singular) are one in the same because all aspects of God’s promise to Abraham are fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_; and all aspects of our hope are also fulfilled in Christ.
    - As believers, we are children of faith and the \_\_\_\_\_ of faithful Abraham, and in Christ we are partakers in all the blessings God promised to Abraham.

**II. OUR HOPE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16-18A)**

- Five characteristics of the hope God has set before us:

**A. Our hope is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Vs. 18, by “two immutable things”:
  - By God’s promise.
  - By God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Our hope is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- “Immutable” = \_\_\_\_\_ like God; it is set in stone and can’t change, be revised, or fail to be fulfilled.

**C. Our hope is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Because (vs. 18), it’s “\_\_\_\_\_ for God to lie.”

**D. Our hope is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Vs. 17, it’s based on God’s immutable counsel (= a plan, purpose, decision).
- What God has promised you is just a small piece of His total \_\_\_\_\_ and promise of salvation through Christ.

**E. Our hope is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Vs. 18, God intends His promise to give us a “strong consolation (or \_\_\_\_\_)” (Rom. 8:35-37).

**III. OUR HOPE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 18B-20)**

- We grab hold of hope by \_\_\_\_\_, illustrated in two ways:
- Illustration 1: “Fled for refuge” = a \_\_\_\_\_ of refuge in the Old Testament.
  - As murderers were pursued by the avenger of blood, so guilty sinners are pursued unrelentingly to the death by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God upon their sins.
  - But \_\_\_\_\_ is our eternal refuge; and His promise is that we will be safe in Him (Rom. 8:1).
  - Be we must run in God’s direction to claim His promise (a description of faith). \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ means believing in Christ.
- Illustration 2: Of an \_\_\_\_\_ that secures a boat on the seas of life.
  - Sure = safe because it’s \_\_\_\_\_;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ = reliable and unchanging;
  - It “entereth into that within the veil” = our anchor is attached to something on the other side of the veil in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
    - Christ, our great High Priest, entered into the presence of God and He’s still there. Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_ and the anchor of our souls.
  - If you are saved, you are secure in your hope. But if you want to feel \_\_\_\_\_, joyful, and peaceful as your journey home to heaven, continue as you began, by laying hold of your hope by faith (Rom. 15:13).