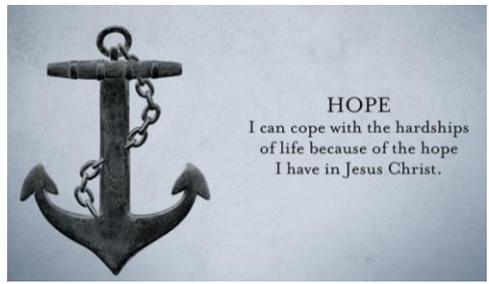


Sermon Notes
Hope Anchors the Soul!
Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022



An experiment of hope

Definition of Hope: _____ **of a better future**

Hebrews 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.

1. Our world _____ hope!

- *Job 7:4 When I lie down I think, 'How long before I get up?'
The night drags on, and I toss and turn until dawn.
5 My body is clothed with worms and scabs,
my skin is broken and festering.
6 "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
and **they come to an end without hope.***

2. Our soul _____ for hope!

"Our deep need for hope sometimes leads us to falsely put our hope in unhealthy things. False hope causes people to plan, build and risk for something that is not likely to happen." (Believe p. 403)

- a. _____ leave us bankrupt
 - *1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*
- b. _____ let us down
 - *Psalm 118:8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.*
 - *Psalm 148:3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.*

c. _____ fail us

- *Habakkuk 2:18-19* “Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak.
19 Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’ Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’ Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it.

d. _____ disappoint us.

- *Isaiah 31* Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel,

e. A dead _____ dashes expectations.

- *Luke 24:17-24* They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”
19 “What things?” he asked.
“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

3. A living Jesus ANCHORS our hope!

a. He paid for _____ ...the reason for _____

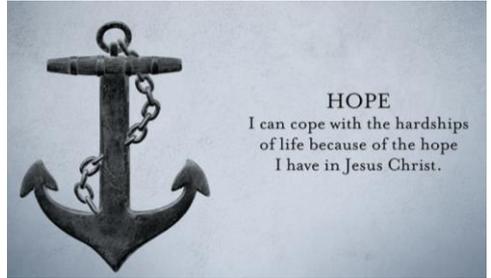
- *Leviticus 16:18-22* “Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for it. He shall take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and put it on all the horns of the altar. 19 He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times to cleanse it and to consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites.
- *Isaiah 53:5* But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and **the Lord has laid on him** the iniquity of us all.
- *Romans 4:25* He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

- b. He secured _____ life: the reason for _____
- *John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*
- c. He gives _____, even when life seems _____
- *Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5 And hope does not disappoint us**, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*
 - *1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy **he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for **you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.***

Christian hope is anchored in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

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