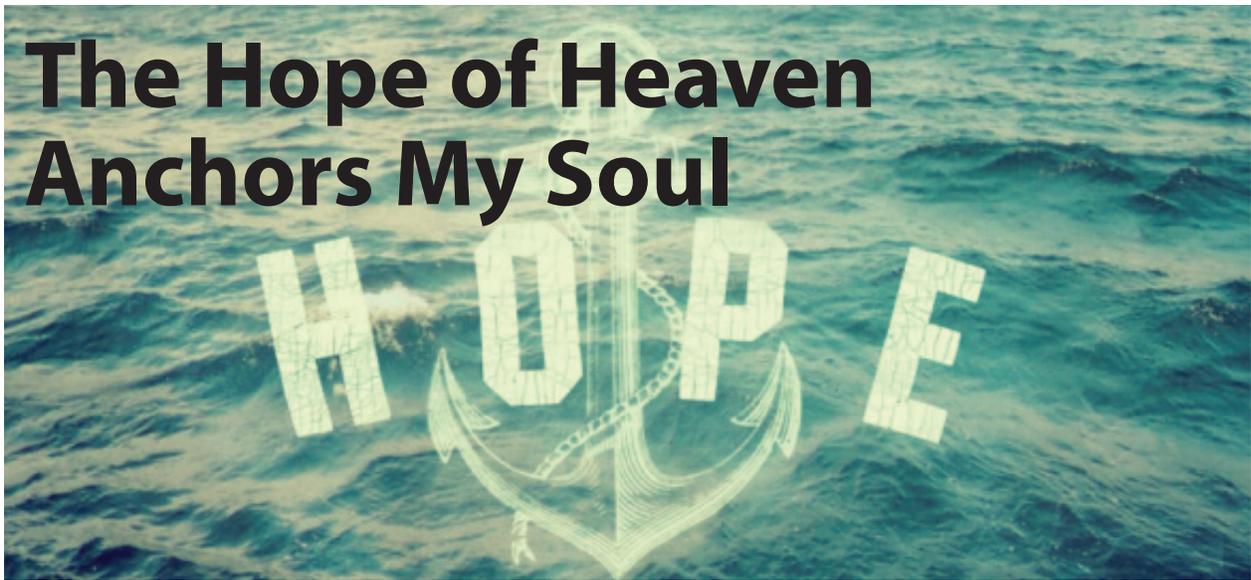


The Hope of Heaven Anchors My Soul



Serving Leaders in Life

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Pastors: Even as deaths mount during this pandemic, in Christ, we are eternally a people of hope (see 1 Corinthians 15:19).

“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 6:19–20).

- The hope of heaven anchors us securely in our **Call2Love the Lord** lest we drift from our first love. To love Him with all our heart, mind, and soul is the greatest of commandments and is to be our highest passion. However, this Call2Love is not fulfilled by “doing things for God” but in our intimacy with Him through our listening, yielding, and praise-filled worship (Revelations 2:4; Matthew 22:37–40; 1 Peter 1:8; 1 Samuel 3:7; Luke 1:38; Psalm 103:2).

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

- The hope of heaven anchors us securely in our **Call2Live His Word**; lest we be tossed by every wind of doctrine and the persuasions of man. As we walk in the light of His Word, the darkness of this world cannot overtake us. As we joyfully look forward to joining the saints, who have gone before us—saints of old who sought to know about these “glories to follow”—it will be revealed to us as it was to them: they were not serving themselves BUT US through these things into which angels long to look (Psalm 130:5; Ephesians 4:14; John 12:35; 1 Peter, 1:10–12).





“For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope’” (Jeremiah 29:11).

- The hope of heaven anchors us securely in our **Call2Love People**; lest our love grow cold. In the freedom of our secure heavenly hope, we are exhorted to not let it be an occasion for sin, but rather in our freedom, we should serve one another in love. This love begins with our “nearest” ones, the household of faith, and extending beyond to the least of these (Galatians 5:13; Matthew 22:39; Galatians 6:10; Matthew 25:40).

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).



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- The hope of heaven anchors us securely in our **Call2Live His Mission**; lest we have no witness of imparting hope to others. This imparting of the gospel and our very lives to others is what brings purpose and ultimate fulfillment in this life as we await the next. We “occupy” till He comes, praying, “come Lord Jesus.” While extending His mercy and justice, we are always ready to give an account for the hope that is within us (1Thessalonians 2:7–8; Micah 6:8; 1Peter 3:15).



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