

# Hope

Anchor of the Soul

# Romans 8:18-25

- Hope for what is not seen
- Hope is
  - Eagerly Waiting
  - Eagerly – Desire
  - Waiting – expectation
- Hope = Desire + Expectation

## Romans 4:17-21

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“Now faith is the *substance* of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”

Hebrews 11:1

- Substance = a standing under; being set under; therefore, a foundation
- Faith stands under Hope
- What’s under faith?
  - The word of God – Romans 10:17
    - Hebrews 10:23; James 1:17

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- We hope for what has been promised

## Acts 27:20-36

- Hope makes a difference!
- A message from God.... Believe it.... Now have true basis for Hope

# Our Hope

- Ephesians 4:4
  - ONE
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
  - God the giver
  - The gospel the message of hope
- Titus 1:1-3
  - The one hope is eternal life in heaven
- 1 Peter 1:3
  - The certainty of our hope: secured by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

## Sadly, not all have hope

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3
- Ephesians 2:11-13
- No hope has a solid foundation unless it rests upon the promises of God
- Hope has a solid foundation if it rests upon the promises of God
- Without the promises of God, hope is a product of my own thinking



# The Quality of our Hope

- Good
- Blessed
- Better
- Sure & steadfast
- Living or lively
- A helmet

# The Power of Our Hope

- 2 Corinthians 3:12
  - Encourages us to be bold
- 1 Peter 1:3-9, 13
  - Helps us endure trial
- Romans 12:12
  - Helps us to rejoice
- 1 John 3:3
  - Helps us purify ourselves
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
  - Enables us to face death with confidence
- Hebrews 6:18-20
  - Anchors our souls