

Hebrews 6:13-20

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

— Jim Elliot

Three Foundations for Christian Hope

1. God Has Promised (v.13-15)

“I swear by myself, declares the Lord . . .” Genesis 22:16

You can have hope today because God has promised His good for you.

2. God is Faithful (v.16-18)

—Hope helps us endure

“For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with endurance.” Romans 8:24-25

—Hope is a reward for endurance

3. We are Anchored by Christ’s Accomplishments (v.19-20)

God’s promises give us hope that is “an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrews 6:19

“Impatient people are always expecting the real thing to happen somewhere else and therefore want to go elsewhere. The moment is empty. But patient people dare to stay where they are. Patient living means to live actively in the present and wait there. Waiting, then, is not passive. It involves nurturing the moment.” Henri Nouwen, *Eternal Seasons* pg 38

“When the night is at its darkest, the dawn is on the way.” James Burns

Discussion Questions:

- Would you describe yourself as a hopeful person? Why? Why not?
- Is your faith in God comatose or contending? Is your faith in God passive or active? (look at the book of Jude for a helpful description of contending)
- What do you have a hopeful expectation about? How do you need God to reveal himself in your life?



Christmas FAMILY NIGHT—THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:00-7:30PM

Celebrate the season with snow-themed fun for the whole family.

Dinner is provided. Sign up in the Lobby today.

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