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- **HOPE:**
  - A wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment
  - To have confidence; trust

- **TO HOPE =** To look forward to with confidence or expectation
(Acts 27:27-29 NIV) On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. (28) They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. (29) Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight.
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- (Heb 6:13 NIV) When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, (14) saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." (15) And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. (16) Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. (17) Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. (18) God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. (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. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.
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Why We Need The Anchor Of Hope

- Where Hope Is Lost, There Is No Faith In The Future
- Where There Is No Faith In The Future, There Is No Power In The Present
To Defeat Hopelessness You Must Replace Hopelessness With Hope

- Hope Is Something To Hold On To
The Anchor Of Hope We Need Is To Know God

The Answer To Hopelessness Is God

(Psa 39:7 NIV) "But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."
The Believer Has Hope: Because Of What God Has Done For Us In And Through Christ

(1 Pet 1:3 NIV) 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
We Have Hope Because Of The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

(Rom 5:5 NIV) 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.
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- (Rom 8:16 NIV) The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

- (Eph 1:14 NIV) The Holy Spirit is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory a hope for all the glorious things to come.
(Heb 10:23 NIV) Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

(Jer 29:11 NIV) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
As Long As Our Hope Is In God -- We Have Hope And A Future

We Have A Light That Shines In The Darkness -- He Gives The Reason For Our Hope

(Heb 6:19 NIV) We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.