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Hebrews 6:18-19, “¹⁸*That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: ¹⁹Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.*”

The writer of Hebrews tells us of a hope we have. It’s an anchor of the soul. An anchor keeps a ship from drifting away. A ship will drop anchor to keep it in one place. If we did not have a spiritual anchor, we would drift spiritually. Hope keeps us in place and keeps us from giving up.

Hope is mentioned often in the Bible, but not until Ruth 1:2, “*Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons.*” Naomi’s husband had died as well as her two sons. Because she had no other sons, she could not provide husbands for her daughters-in-law. The first mention of hope was really a lack of hope. She knew she could not provide husbands

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for Ruth and Orpah.

How Naomi’s seemingly little hope turned into great hope. Ruth eventually found a husband and did have a child. Not only did she have a child, but this child was Obed who was the grandfather of David. Jesus directly descended from this line. Not only was there hope for Naomi and Ruth, but the hope of the entire world was to spring from this child.

Hope keeps us going in the very darkest of times. When we are sick, we are able to keep going because we hope to be better. During the mostly troublesome times, hope keeps us looking beyond what is bothering us. We can see to the end and it’s hope that keeps us going.

There is no greater hope for us than the hope of eternal life. Titus 1:2, “*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.*” We are told that God cannot lie, and before the world began, He promised eternal life. This thought should keep us going in the darkest of times. We have eternal life waiting for us. The LORD has promised that, and that promise cannot be broken. Such thoughts should keep us going no matter what comes our way.

The only way we can have such hope is to be in the LORD. Christ is our hope. Colossians 1:27, “*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*” Christ is our hope of glory. Glory can mean many things, but it is always something bright and wonderful and refers to the LORD and to our being saved. The only way we can obtain glory is to be in the LORD. He wants us to have that glory. I Peter 5:10, “*But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.*”

Psalms 39:7, “*And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.*”

—Marty Edwards❖

News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Elaine Quigley** is having trouble with a ruptured disk. **Shirley Edwards** is in Signature Health Care in the rehabilitation unit, room 604. She is recovering from a light stroke. Unless plans change, she plans to come home tomorrow morning. **Jerry Edwards** will be having surgery Wednesday morning to remove some kidney stones.

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I Corinthians 13:13, *“And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”*

In the previous article, we talked about hope, and how it keeps us going. It keeps us anchored and prevents us from drifting away spiritually.

Paul wrote in the above verse that faith, hope and love abide now, but the greatest of these is love. What would make love the greatest of them?

Faith and hope will not continue. While here in this life we depend upon faith and hope. We see the unseen by our faith. Hebrews 11:3 *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”*

When we are with the LORD in Heaven, there is no need for faith. We will see all. There is no longer the need for hope, for we shall have obtained. Love is eternal. The saved will bask eternally in the eternal love of God. The eternal nature of love is possibly one of the reasons it is the greatest of the three.

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Sunday, January 14, 2018		
Classes	15	I Timothy 6:7-11
Preaching	24	Ecclesiasties 12:1-14
Contribution	\$808.02	
Evening	14	Micah 4:1-3
Wednesday, January 17, 2018		
Classes	-	online service due to snow and ice

Jan 14 (AM) Mark Quigley (Glasgow, KY); Justin, Baptista, Bryer Lee, Bailey Mae, & Bessy Frazee (Bonnieville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was the number of the many angels John heard?

Last Week’s Answer— seven horns and seven eyes (Revelation 5:6)

⁷Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God . ⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

—I John 4:7-8

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)