

Four Anchors

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Introduction

1. Text Acts 27:29
2. When the storm was ragging the anchors were thrown out in thinking that it would secure the ship.
3. Anchors hold the ship down and secure when storms or waves are pounding it.
4. We, like the ship need anchors to help us withstand the storms of life.
5. What would you consider anchors to help hold and give us hope?
6. I want us to consider four.

II Discussion

A. The Lord

1. He is all powerful (omnipotent) Mark 10:27
2. He is all knowing (omniscience) Hebrews 4:13
3. He is all seeing (omnipresent) Psalms 139:7- 10
4. He is unchanging James 1:17
5. He is holy. 1 Peter 1:15-16
6. He is faithful Hebrews 10:23
7. He is merciful Psalms 136 all 26 verses end with his mercy endureth for ever
8. He is love. 1 John 4:7-11
9. He is our refuge Ps 46:1; Deuteronomy 33:27
10. Through Him we can overcome the world. I John 5:4
11. He offered His blood for us. Hebrews 9:14
12. He will be with us. Matthew 28:20

B. The Bible

1. It will not pass away Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:24-25
2. They cannot be broken. John 10:35
3. In every age men of influence hated the Bible and sought to destroy it.
 - a. Jehoiakim Jeremiah 36
 - b. They want to change it. Galatians 1:6-10
 - c. In spite of all of the enemies of the Bible, it lives
4. Thomas Pain bragged, “in five years, there will not be a Bible in America.”
5. Voltaire in 1700’s boosted that in 100 years there will not be a Bible on the earth. After his death the printing press he used to print his tracts was used to print Bibles.
6. We are not to live by bread alone. Matthew 4:4
7. We will be judged by what is written in the Bible. John 12:48
8. It will save. James 1:21; Romans 1:16
9. It will build us up. Acts 20:32
10. The Bible lives:

C. The church.

1. The kingdom and the church are the same. Matthew 16:13-18

2. The parables of Matt 13 show us the importance of the church. Matthew 13:44-46
3. The church is everlasting, eternal, and indestructible. Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14
4. The church is the greatest institution on earth: the only institution that is purchased with the blood of Christ. Acts 20:28
5. The church has Christ as its' head. Ephesians 1:22,23; 5:23
6. From a universal perspective, this kingdom is indestructible.
7. However, viewed locally, the church can cease to exist if God's pattern is not respected and maintained.

D. Heaven is the fourth anchor

1. It is a prepared place. John 14:1-3; Hebrews 11:16
2. It is a place of no tears, death, sorrow, crying, pain. Revelation 21:4
3. It is a place that we hope for, that does not fade away, it is reserved and will be revealed at the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5

III Conclusion

1. These are the anchors that will hold us in the WAY if we will but use them, The Lord, His Word, the church and the hope of heaven.
2. Are you using them? Have you slip from your moorings?
3. Then come back