



A Worthy Inheritance: Hope

BY: Chris Harper, AD

Do you have hope? Where does it come from? Hebrews 6:18-20 tells us:

“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 set before us may greatly be encouraged. We have this HOPE as an anchor for the soul,

God who gave his Son so that we might be redeemed. How did the Son respond? Willingly and obediently, He took His place on the cross, a propitiation for our sin, He settled our debt once and for all. In one momentous act of unsurpassed love Jesus Christ himself went in through the curtain, laid upon the alter

My salvation is not from me, and it is not mine to give away...

firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

I ask again, do you have hope? Do you know where it comes from? The Bible is very clear that all hope, the only hope worth having, comes from God. It is built upon the truth that God cannot lie, the very

and did what the lamb, goat and sheep before could not. He consumed God’s wrath and paid the debt, our debt, before His father God Almighty FOREVER. Jesus is both the high priest and the sacrifice, and that’s what makes Him so marvelous, so divine. What other priest had to do annually, and what some priest today claim we have to do routinely, Christ did once and for all. The

Upcoming events

•••

3/31 – Elementary, K-3,
Soccer Registration

3/31 – HS Baseball vs.
Henryville, 5:30 p.m.

4/1 – MS Baseball vs.
Henryville, 5:30 p.m.

4/4 – HS Baseball vs. Trinity,
5:30 p.m.

4/5 – MS Baseball Double
Header, 10 a.m.

4/7 – HS Track at Orleans

4/7 – MS Baseball vs. West
Washington, 5:30 p.m.

4/8 – HS Track at New
Washington

4/8 – HS Baseball at
Clarksville

curtain was torn and the enmity between God and man was reconciled, so that we can now look behind the veil, more than that, we can stand behind the veil and worship and celebrate our Creator. This hope, says the author of Hebrews, is like an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Is this where your hope comes from? Does it come from this promise? The promise that Jesus is both the sacrifice and the priest.

It is my hope that you have this hope, and that it is an anchor for your soul. But know this, it is only an anchor for your soul. Your hope is not someone else's hope. I want to dispel the notion that we can hope enough, pray enough or carry our children headlong into Heaven with us. Brethren, we barely have enough hope to enter into God's presence ourselves as many of us will limp into heaven, tattered and beaten, and rightly so, as it should be! On little strength and great exhaustion should we enter through the gates,

there will be no time nor might to carry someone in with us.

I stand over my children some nights and lament like Paul, wishing I could give up my own salvation so that I could be sure they would inherit this hope for their soul. I can't. My salvation is not from me and it is not mine to give away.

No matter what we do, where we go to church or where we send our children to school, the only guarantor of their faith is God and God alone.

As parents, we do have a role though. We must live out this hope, we must model this hope and we must speak of this hope as often as we can. We must continue instructing, rearing and bathing our children in the hope of the divine sacrifice, the promise of the High Priest while remembering that we cannot give it to them nor leave it for them.

Too often I see parents, largely for their own conscience and peace of mind, rushing to baptize, enroll and/or send their children off on religious

experiences not realizing that we cannot facilitate, nor can we manufacture, the hope and promise of God through Jesus Christ. Our children must come to know Jesus and His truth much like we did, without religious influence and worldly time constraints. In short, we cannot save our children and our hope is not their inheritance. Their hope, the hope that is an anchor for their soul, is their inheritance.

Speak of it often, show it to them and let them taste it. Live out that good promise, the promise that says Jesus was our sacrifice and He is our high priest. Challenge your children, read scripture with them, pray with them and one day marvel in wondrous joy. Finally, remember to give all thanks to God when they learn and put **THEIR** faith, **THEIR** hope, in that good promise.

Be well,

C. Harper