

The Anchor of the Soul
Hebrews 6:13-20
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of having the proper Anchor.

- Intro:
1. During the 1st Century, not unlike today, some members were “*drifting away*” from a saved condition (**Heb 2:1-3**, “*neglecting*” was used to indicate “*a ship drifting away*”)
 2. There were some “strong tides” moving through the 1st century culture that made an anchor for the soul very important.
 - a. The “*tide*” of false philosophy (**Acts 17:18; Col 2:8**)
 - b. The “*tide*” of paganism with the ignorance of the true God and the embracing of idolatry (**Acts 17:23**)
 - c. The “*tide*” of a pagan government.
 - d. The “*tide*” of persecution (**2 Cor 11:23-28**)
 3. We need an anchor to keep us from moving in the tide of life.

I. The “*Tide*” of Skepticism.

- A. Skepticism was a reality in the 1st Century (**Rom 1:20-23**)
- B. The skepticism of our day is seen in atheism.
 1. Atheists are writing books designed to destroy the faith of Christians.
 2. The media in its various forms often is a source of attacks on the Christian.

II. The “*Tide*” of Secularism.

- A. “Secularism” is a way of life that puts all the emphasis on this present world system.
- B. “Secularism” manifests itself in materialism.
 1. Materialism does not follow what Jesus said and illustrated (**Lk 12:15-21**)
 2. Materialism does not follow what Jesus said about treasures (**Mt 6:19-20**)
- C. “Secularism” is seen in the emphasis of pleasure, gratification, lust & immorality

III. The “*Tide*” of Superficial Spirituality.

- A. Millions of people in America have turned away from religion.
- B. “Spiritual” has become a word used when discussing such things.
 1. “I’m spiritual but not religious.”
 2. “Religion” is a Bible word (**James 1:26-27**).
 3. “Spiritual” is also a Bible word (**1 Pt 2:5**).
 4. God’s redeemed, purified, born again people are in a “spiritual house.”
(*1 Pt 1:22-2:5*)
- C. “Superficial spirituality” is seen in “worship” becoming a form of entertainment.

IV. The “*Tide*” of Sin.

- A. The sins of our day are the sins which were realities in the 1st Century (**1 Cor 6:9-11**)
- B. The tides of the ocean can create an “undertow.” Sin can become an “undertow” and pull God’s people away from their Savior – unless they are anchored.

C. God's people can endure suffering when they are "anchored" in God's care
(**1 Pt 5:6-9**).

V. Lessons for us today.

A. Hope is an anchor for our souls (**Heb 6:19, Titus 1:1-2**)

B. We are "anchored" in heaven, where Jesus has gone (**Heb 12:1-2**)

C. When we are adequately anchored, the "tides" may move, but we shall not be moved!

Application & Conclusion:

1. If Christ is our Anchor there are no waves or tides that can break us.
2. The question is, is He your anchor?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9