

WE HAVE AN ANCHOR

SCRIPTURE:

In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us... (Hebrews 6: 17-20a)

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) wall anchor
- (1) screw to fit the wall anchor
- (1) screw driver

MAIN MESSAGE:

Because God can't lie, and because He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins - being both the perfect high priest and sacrifice, as Christians, we have a sure hope, an anchor for our souls, that serves to encourage us to continue to walk hand-in-hand with the Master.

SONG: "Will Your Anchor Hold?"

LESSON:

I love looking at family pictures. In our house, my wife has pictures on the walls that seem to capture every phase: single with no children, married, married with one, then with two, then with three, and with the help of a wide angle lens, married with four beautiful kids and more grey in my beard. What a great reminder of how great God is and continues to be to our family!

Hanging pictures can be very frustrating. Are they straight? Are they in line? Do the frames match? Do they match the wall color? Are the screws going to stay in the wall? Should I use a nail or a screw? With all these deep questions, you'd think someone would need to take a short course in college or at least read a book on the fine art of picture hanging before they attempt such a task.

While it is true there are many different angles to consider picture-hanging from, probably the most important question to ask is, "Will the picture stay on the wall after I let it go?" If the answer to this question is in doubt, it doesn't matter if the frame matches the wall. So...In order to enjoy the picture, I have to make sure the picture is secure - that's where the wall anchor comes in.

There are some screws that will hold better in drywall; however, most require an anchor of some sort to make sure it doesn't pull out. The wall anchor is designed to fit into a predrilled hole. Once the screw is screwed into the anchor, the anchor goes to work, expanding a little to the point that it is a little larger than the original hole. Thus, once the screw is in the anchor, and the anchor expands, the likelihood of the weight of the picture pulling the screw out is less. The anchor holds the weight and secures the picture to the wall.

In our Christian walk, it is important that we remember and teach our children that in Christ, there is a great hope of eternal life in heaven one day. That hope is backed by a loving God who, by His nature, cannot and never has lied. Because Jesus went to the cross, entering the curtain (an Old Testament reference to the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle), we have a secure hope of eternity in heaven as long as we continue to walk with the Master. The anchor we have is to serve as a great encouragement.

PRAYER: Everyone in our family will always hold to the anchor we have in Christ Jesus for the rest of our lives.