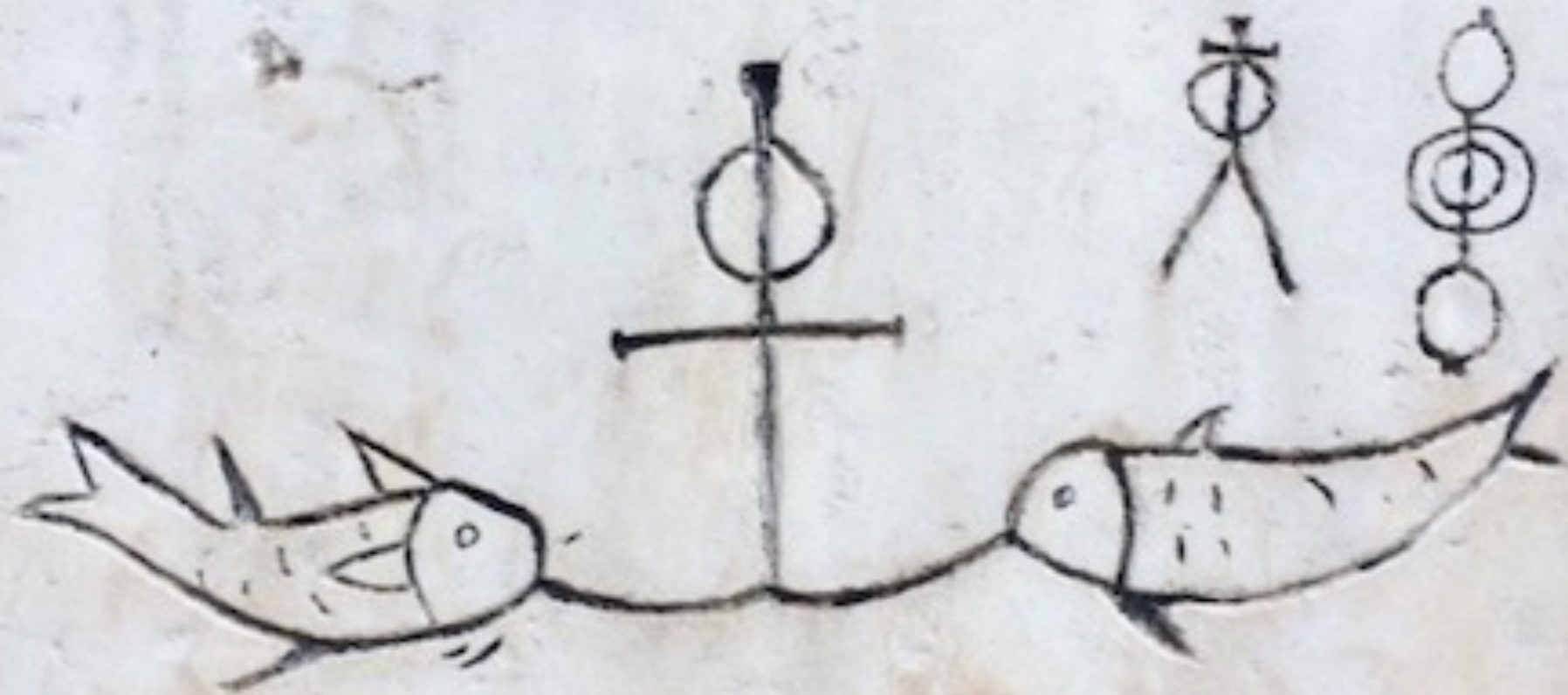


The background features a dark green, semi-transparent overlay on a stone relief sculpture. The sculpture depicts a figure with a beard and long hair, possibly Jesus, looking downwards. The text is centered over the image.

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Hebrews 6:13-20

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Hebrews 6:13-20

¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Hebrews 6:13-20

¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,
²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Outline

1. The Foundation of Hope
2. The Life of Hope
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- c) The character of God (18a)

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Application

→ Have you learned to strengthen your hope by trusting in God's certain promise and unchanging character?



2. The Life of Hope

Hebrews 6:11-12, 17-18

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And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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- c) They wait patiently to obtain the promise (15)

2. The Life of Hope

Application

→ Have you fled to God for refuge?

→ Are you holding fast and waiting patiently?



3. The Anchor of Hope

Hebrews 6:19-20

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3. The Anchor of Hope

What does this mean?

a) Hope keeps us steady through the storms of life



As long as we are pilgrims in this world we have no firm ground to stand on, but we are tossed about in the midst of a stormy sea. The devil never ceases from stirring up countless tempests which would at once capsize and submerge our ship if we did not cast our anchor far down in the depths. There is no haven anywhere in sight, but wherever we turn our gaze, the only thing in view is water, and indeed waves which mount up and threaten us.



But just as an anchor is let down through the midst of the water to a dark, hidden place, and holds the ship exposed to the waves safely in its station so that it is not swept away, so our hope is fixed on the unseen God. And as the cable on which the anchor hangs joins the ship itself to the ground through a long dark gulf, so the truth of God is a chain for binding us to Himself, so that no distance and no darkness may hinder us from cleaving to Him.

—John Calvin

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What does this mean?

- a) Hope keeps us steady through the storms of life
- b) Hope connects us to future, eternal realities

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

3. The Anchor of Hope

What does this mean?

- a) Hope keeps us steady through the storms of life
- b) Hope connects us to future, eternal realities
- c) Hope is centered in Christ our Forerunner and Priest

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Application

→ Whatever storms of life you face, keep your eyes on Christ and his promises



My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.



His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,

O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

—Edward Mote

Summary

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