

AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL

Heb.6:13-20

Purpose of anchor: hold position, keep from drifting.

Spiritual anchor: maintain position in Christ, prevent "drifting" from Lord.

Anchor necessary because Christians are beset by storms of life.

STORMS THAT ASSAIL THE SOUL

Tides of persecution. 2Ti.3:12

Persecution rises and falls, Gains momentum, wane.

Steven killed. Act.7. Saul ravages the church. Act 8-9

Church had rest. Act.9:31 after Saul's ravaging church.

James, Peter suffered persecution. Act.12:1-4

Waves of doubt. Tossed to and fro.

Doubt can handle it.

Doubt worth of being Christian.

Doubt Lord's deliverance.

Doubt power of prayer.

Doubt truth.

Winds of worldliness.

Worldly trends can blow one off course.

Lust. World hawks its wares. ("You deserve it.")

Wanting to "fit in." To "sail with the wind" of the crowd.

Seasons of distress, adversity.

Health problems.

Financial distress.

Family and friends problems.

Overpowering domestic problems.

Church problems.

WAYS TO WEATHER THE STORM, 'BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES'

Maintain **humility of mind.**

Will prevent you from steering into troubled waters.

Remember former condition. Eph.2:11-12

Recall "purification". 2Pe.1:9

"Pride goes destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling." Pro.16:18

Maintain **stable faith.** Jam.1:6-8

Keep it "ship-shape", by activity. Jam.2:22

Be active part of church to receive support. Eph.4:14-16

Be wise concerning the purpose of testing. Jam.1:3

Maintain **hope.** Text 6:19

As Paul did on ship in storm, as Lord promised.

Our hope is in God's promises, it anchors us, so we don't drift.

"Christ in you...hope of glory. Col.1:27

"Hope of eternal life. Tit.3:7

Maintain **love.**

Never losing heart in storms of life.

Always love the Lord. Eph.5:1-2

Maintain love of brethren.

WITHSTANDING THE STORMS OF LIFE WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE, WILL KEEP US
IN HIS LOVE. Rom.8:35ff

FINAL WORD ON SECURITY IN LIFE'S STORMS:

The Lord is the same always--sure anchor for the soul. Heb.13:8