

# Who is Jesus? | to know him is to love him

## Steadfast Anchor

*Hebrews 6:13-20*  
September 24, 2017

**Review:** Were you able to live into a Sabbath rest this past week?

**Introduction:** “Do you love me?” It’s the question at the heart of life. Jesus asked it. For Jesus the story of our lives is the story of our loves. So what do we love most? And what is most worthy of our love? Those who first knew him and saw him risen from the dead became convinced that the answer must be: Jesus. They knew how much he loved them, and they loved him. Their lives and their world were transformed by that love. But how can we love him today? How can our hearts be awakened and reshaped by love for him? We begin by getting to know him. To know him is to love him. The New Testament epistle to the Hebrews has been called “the fifth gospel” because it presents rich images of Jesus not on earth but in his ongoing heavenly ministry. These images not only tell us what he does but – who he is. It’s good news that gives us great hope and rekindles our affections for so great a Savior.

This week the focus is on hope as an anchor for our souls.

**Pray:** LORD Jesus, help us to understand the certainty of God’s promises in our lives. Amen.

**Read:** Hebrews 6:13-20

### **Discussion:**

1. What was the promise God made to Abraham?

Why is this promise important to us today?

2. What is the significance of God swearing by himself that the promise would be fulfilled?

What is the purpose of an oath?

3. Abraham had waited patiently to receive the promise.

Can you recall receiving a blessing from God after waiting patiently?

How important is patience to a life of faith?

4. The writer of Hebrews says that by hope we may be “greatly encouraged”.

What role does hope have in your own life?

How does hope serve as an anchor for your soul?

5. Review verse 20, which speaks of Jesus going before us into the inner sanctuary on our behalf. What does this mean to you?

Is this a fulfillment of God’s promise to us?

**Application:** Reflect on a promise God has made to you which has not yet been fulfilled. Have you given up or are you waiting patiently?

**Pray:** LORD Jesus, we are grateful for this study in Hebrews and this text. Help us to live into that hope which you provide for us as a high priest. Amen