

Survival Kit(Part III)

During my tour of duty in the Navy I had to undergo a period of training, which was called boot camp. They taught us how to survive if our ship sunk. We were instructed to take off our pants and tie a knot in the end of each leg, then pop the pants on the water and the pants would inflate with air. Then we could cling to the pants and float in the water until rescued. Now lets cling to this lesson of survival. Inside of the kit is an item that we need and that is **Hope**.

I. It's a Saving Element

“For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for”(Ro. 8:24)

_Man stands in a need of rescuing from sin.

_“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Ro. 3:23)

_There is no other name that men can call on to be saved except Jesus Christ - this is our hope

II. It's Spiritual Joy

“Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer” (Ro. 12:12)

_Joy is not dependant on material things, but hope

_Count it all joy (James 1:2)

<Number 1 God's word is settled in heaven, Number 2 Jesus said, “he would never leave us nor forsake us”, Number 3 prayers of the righteous availeth much >

III. It's Anchors Our Soul

“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil” (Heb. 6:19)

_Anchors are used to secure ships in harbors.

_They must be sure and steadfast when the storms of life are raging we need a solid rock and that's Jesus.

_If we are anchored then we can't be moved. Planted like a tree by the rivers of water (Ps. 1:3).

_When difficult days come- I shall not be moved.

_When obstacles get in our way- I shall not be moved.