

The Christian Race

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Introduction:

Welcome.

Discussion:

- I. Let's begin our study this evening by referring back to 2 scriptures from our morning lesson
 - A. 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb 12:1-3
 - B. "So run that ye may obtain" Gal 3:26-27
 - C. "Run With Patience the race set before us" 1 Tim 4:7-8
 - i. Olympics in Olympia Greece 776 BC
 - ii. Wrestling, Boxing, Discipline, Training, etc.

- II. Don't ever forget the fact that we are running this race for a reason.
 - A. An incorruptable crown - 1 Cor 9:25-26
 - B. Heaven - 2 Tim 4:6-8; Acts 30:22-24; Rev 21:1-7
 - C. See God In Person - 2 Cor 11:23-28; 2 Cor 4:8-18
 - D. Don't take your eyes off the prize - 1 Pet. 1:3-9

- III. The Christian race is not a windsprint like a 100 meter dash.
 - A. It is a combination of 3 different types of races
 - i. Marathon, high and low hurdles, relay.
 - B. None of us knows how long this race will last - Heb 9:27.
 - i. Abraham was 175 years old - Heb 11:8-10
 - C. Some will run longer than others - Matt 20:1-6
 - i. Christ's return - 2 Pet 3:10.

Conclusion:

- I. Whatever you do brethren, don't quit running the race!
 - A. The consequences of doing this is too severe - 2 Pet 2:20-22; 2 Tim 4:10.
 - B. What will happen to our children and perhaps others?
 - C. Aesop's fable of the Hare and Tortoise
 - i. Slow and steady wins the race - 1 Cor 15:58.
 - D. Don't let yourself be moved away from the hope of the gospel - 1 Cor. 1:23; Acts 20:22-24.
 - i. Satan will Distract you - 1 Jn 2:15-17
 - ii. Moses Heb 11:24-27
 - iii. Don't take your focus off heaven - Heb 11:13-16

- II. Jesus is waiting at the finish line - Heb. 6:10-20; Acts 7:54-56; 2 Tim 4:16-18.

- III. We have a great cloud of witnesses to encourage us as well - Heb 11; Heb 12:1-3.
- IV. The Invitation.