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Christ Endured

Heb.12:2-4

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will consider THE RACE that all Christians are called to run.

Roadmap of where we have been and where we are going:

Enduring Faith Defined (11:1) Exemplified (11:2-40), and finally
Commanded (12:1-26).

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER TODAY'S TEXT?

- 1) Context – Christ, our ultimate example.
- 2) Christ - Focus and Object of the race.
 - (a) Jesus as Author & Finisher
 - (b) Jesus' Joy
- 3) Christ Endured.
 - (a) The Cross
 - (b) The Hostility of Sinners
- 4) Our Sufferings in Perspective.

I. CONTEXT – Christ Our Ultimate Example

The writer doesn't intend for us to be content with looking to the OT saints for our ultimate motivation and example of running the race set before us...now we are pointed to Jesus – the master runner, who was the Focus and Object of all those who have ran the Christian race!

II. CHRIST – Focus & Object of the Race.

- Biblical soteriology (doctrine of salvation) Salvation is from the very beginning until the end all the work of the Triune God.

JESUS as AUTHOR:

1. Of all creation – He is God the Son. (Heb.1:2)
2. Of Salvation – He is God the Son and our Covenant Mediator

Eph.1:3-5 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in

Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will”

Mth.25:34 “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:”

1 Peter 1:20 “Who (JESUS) verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,”

JESUS as FINISHER:

Heb.1:3; Heb.2:10,14-18; Heb.9:12

JESUS’ JOY: (a) His spiritual children - John 17:9-10

(b) His manifested glory – Psalm 16:8-11; and His enthronement ‘at the right hand of God’ v.2

III. CHRIST ENDURED

(A) The Cross

1. The Cross in the Roman World
2. The Cross in the Gospel

The Cross demonstrated Christ’s selflessness, humility, and abundant love for His church by suffering and enduring its cruelty.

(B) The Hostility of Sinners

1. The Jewish religious leaders. (Mth.23:27)
2. The Jewish populace. (Luke 23:20-25)
3. His own family & disciples. (John 7:5; Mth.26:47-49; Luke22:54-62)

(C) Christ’s Sufferings intended to fortify you in the race.

1. Fortification against self-pity.
2. Fortification against self-preoccupation.
3. Fortification against doubting God’s love for you.

IV. OUR SUFFERINGS IN PERSPECTIVE.

1. Consequences of our own sins which humbles us. (King David's sin of adultery & murder.)
2. As a test from God to teach us something. (Abraham called to sacrifice Isaac.)
3. The discipling rod of God to grow us. (Jonah)
4. For the name and cause of Christ strengthen our resolve as disciples. (Apostles and early church).