

## THE FINISH LINE

Hebrews 12:1-3, John 19:30, Acts 20:24

On the cross, Jesus completed his mission to save mankind from their sins. When he said "It is finished", he had paid in full our debt to God. We now have a right standing with our Heavenly Father.

We are not in a race to save ourselves. that race is over and Jesus was victorious.

In Hebrews 12 the writer says 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Luke quotes Paul in Acts 20:24, 24 "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."

Jesus has finished the task of your Salvation. Lets bring honor and glory to God by giving him our lives and running the race he has set out for us.

1. Have you ever run a race where you felt like quitting? What did you do?
2. Do you ever find yourself trying to do good things to make up for bad things? Why do you do that?
3. People often focus on trying to add to what Jesus has already done on their behalf. How would you explain to someone that that isn't necessary?
4. Paul says his task is to testify to the gospel of God's grace. What is your task in life?
5. Do we all have the same mission in life or do we all have different ones? How do we know?
6. When will you know that your mission in life or race is completed?
7. Have you ignored what God is calling you to do? What steps would you need to take to get on track?

(2 Timothy 4:7)... "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."