

RUNNING THE RACE
I CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

Introduction:

- A. Paul, in his writings, likens the Christian life to different things.
 - 1. Being a soldier engaged in warfare.
 - 2. II Timothy 2:3-4 3. Ephesians 6:10-17
- B. In our scripture reading Paul likens the Christian life to a race.
 - 1. I Corinthians 9:24 “Do you not know that those who run in race all run, but one receives the prize. Run in such a way that you may obtain it.”
 - 2. Today let’s talk about “Running the Race.”

I. All Are Invited To Run This Race.

- A. Jesus gives the _____ . Matthew 11:28-30
- B. God loves the _____ of all people.
 - 1. Romans 10:12-13 2. Acts 10:34-35

II. Must Run According To The Rules.

- A. We must _____ the race. How?
 - 1. _____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Mark 16:16
 - 2. Must _____ of your sins. Acts 3:19
 - 3. _____ Jesus as the Christ the Son of God.
Romans 10:9-10
 - 4. Be _____ to have your sins washed away. Acts 22:16
- B. We run according to the _____ to get the prize
 - 1. Some act as if we have no rules.
 - 2. The _____ is our rule book.
- C. If we do not run according to the rules we will be _____.
I Corinthians 9:27

III. We Must Run With Diligence And Patience.

- A. Hebrews 6:11-12
- B. We live in an impatient world.
- C. We must run with perseverance. Hebrews 12:1

IV. We Must Run With Our Eyes On The Lord.

A. Hebrews 12:2

B. We look to Jesus for:

1. _____ I Peter 2:21

2. _____ Philippians 4:13

V. Christ Is To Judge The Race.

A. John 5:22

B. Romans 2:16

C. Acts 17:30-31

D. We will be judged:

1. By the _____. John 12:48

2. _____. Romans 14:12; II Corinthians 5:10

VI. The Prize Comes At The End Of The Race.

A. If you drop-out you will be _____.

1. Galatians 5:7 2. Luke 9:62

B. We must _____ till the _____.
Philippians 3:12-14

C. When did Paul say he would get his _____?
II Timothy 4:6-8

Conclusion:

A. I Corinthians 9:24-27

B. Have You Entered The Race?

C. Are You Running In A Way That You Will Win the Prize?

D. Eternal Life Is The Prize.