

WHISPERING HILLS

Church of Christ

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SUNDAY Gathering Times

Bible Class **09:30 AM**
Morning **10:30 AM**
Evening **5:00 PM**

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Our Religious Conviction

God chose to save the world
by sending His Son,
Jesus to die on the cross
for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen
and obey the Gospel
message SHALL be saved
(Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the church
of the Bible, which His Son
is coming for because it was
purchased with His Blood
(Ac 20:28; 2 The 1:7-10).

HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Jn 6:45; Rom 10:17)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3, 5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)



Thank you for visiting with us

Our goal is to worship God according to His Will
just as the Christians in the 1st Century (Ac 2:42).

Please ask us a question about the reason why we worship the way we do (1 Pet 3:15).
Also, please take the time to fill out an attendance card today (in the holder facing you)
and give it to one of our members acknowledging your presence with us.



Prayer Request

We are here to Pray for you



Continued Prayers

Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Cloud, Ron Forge,
Joyce Fair, Curtis Ward, Mary Ervin, Billie Guthrie,
Jessica McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter)

Grieving

General

Sheila Harris,
Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother) is hospitalized
Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers)
Joel Sotelo (Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law)
Bobby Osbourne (Sis Bell's brother)
Daniella Spataro & son (Bro Spataro's niece/great nephew)
Joel Sotelo [Mexico City] (Bro Ramsay's brother-in-law)

Updates /Announcements

- [1] Our PRAYERS should echo loud and clear on a daily basis for God's GRACE, MERCY and LOVE by taking nothing for granted continuing to live up to His Expectations and Commands through obedience (Mt 7:21-23)
- [2] **BIBLE STUDY** (Sunday, 15 Aug 21 @ 09:30 AM): Book of Ephesians, Chapter 2
- [3] **EVENING WORSHIP** (Sunday, 15 Aug 21@ 5:00 PM)
- [4] Bro Simon is hospitalized involving further evaluation associated with previous physical illnesses
- [5] Joseph Tensley (Gospel Preacher [Teague, TX]/friend of Bro Busby) is requesting prayers for improved health
- [6] Sis Kay has a broken ankle and patiently awaiting surgery

Birthdays & Anniversaries



August '21

[28] Jerline Bell

- [17] Bebe & Manuel Kaye
- [24] Charles & Barbara Birdow
- [24] James R & Christina Jones
- [24] Santos & Maria Spataro





RUNNING THE CHRISTIAN RACE 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

INTRODUCTION:

1. Paul often compares the Christian LIFE to an athletic event (1 Cor 9:24-27; Php 1:30; 1 Tim 6:20).
2. The Christian LIFE is a daily commitment to follow Jesus (Lk 9:23).
 - A. A race which must be completed (Heb 12:1, 2).
 1. To be partakers of Christ, we must "...if we hold from the beginning—until the end;" (Heb 3:14).
 2. The runner has no chance of victory without crossing the finish line.
 - A. Similarly, the Christian must be faithful until death to receive the crown of LIFE (Rev 2:10).

BODY:

1. FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT

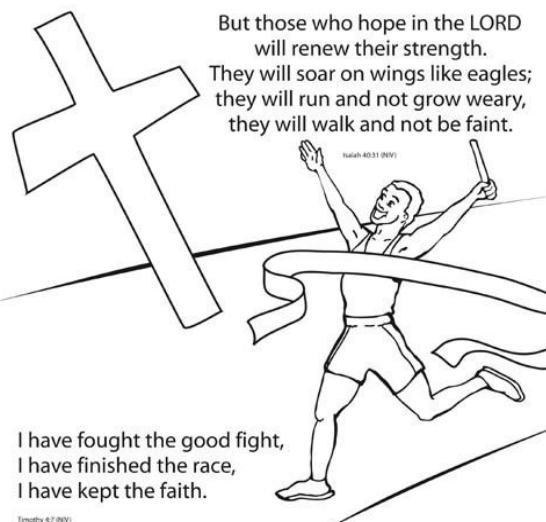
- A. Paul is not boasting of what he had done, BUT having spent his life in the good fight or contest.
 1. The good fight is compared to a wrestling match, boxing bout or similar contest (1 Tim 4:12).
 2. Being a struggle, God expects His Children to do what is right while doing one's BEST.
- B. To "fight" is to be involved in the athletic contest. This is what Paul had done and Christians must do.
- C. To have "fought" implies a completed action expressing one's confidence.

2. FINISHED MY COURSE

- A. The word "course" refers to a race track.
 1. Paul uses the athletic metaphor describing John the Baptist (Ac 13:25) and himself (Ac 20:24).
- B. The word "finished" refers to having accomplished, which is difficult to achieve.
 1. Notice what was revealed: he had finished. He did **NOT** quit!!
 - A. To have a successful life is to accomplish what God reveals to be relevant.
- C. This is the same word used by Jesus after accomplishing His Mission on the cross (Jn 19:28, 30).
 1. The Christian LIFE is **NOT** a 100-yard dash, BUT a marathon with an obstacle course.

3. KEPT THE FAITH

- A. FAITH is defined (Heb 11:1) and impossible to please God without (Heb 11:6).
 1. This is **NOT** personal in Christ, BUT the whole body of Christian TRUTH [doctrine].
- B. This clause may be understood in 3 ways:
 1. I have kept the rules of the game of LIFE.
 - A. I have played the game.
 2. I have kept the conditions of the contract.
 - A. I have been true to Christ and my commitment.
 3. In the face of all the obstacles, I have never lost hope and trust in Jesus Christ. Paul intended all of these.
- C. Like the runner lunging forward with one last ounce of strength to reach the finish line, so the Christian must run in like manner as to win the race of LIFE (1 Cor 9:24).
- D. We must give our hearts in steadfast devotion to God.
 1. All God requires is we put forth our best effort.
 2. We stumble and falter at times, BUT must get back in the race concentrating on our BEST for the Master.
- E. The race is set before us. Our goal is heaven.
 1. The strength needed comes from the Lord.
 - A. But, we must do the running every step of the way.



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“And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph 1:22, 23).

Christian Faith

Run with endurance...
(Hebrews 12:1)

Run to win the prize...
(1 Corinthians 9:24)

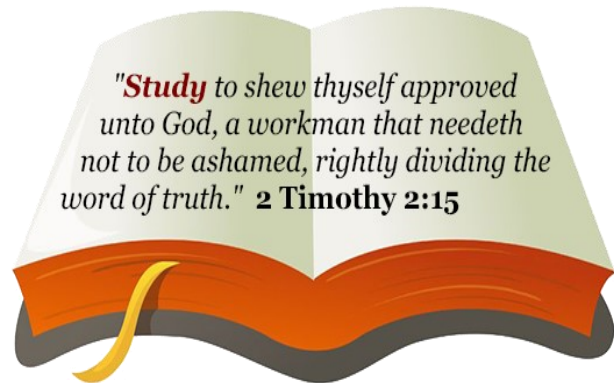
Finish with joy...
(Acts 20:24)



***"I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith."***
(2 Timothy 4:7, NKJV)

Weekly Bible Reading

August 15, 2021	1 Chronicles	19 - 29
August 16, 2021	1 Chronicles	30 - 36
August 17, 2021	2 Chronicles	01 - 09
August 18, 2021	2 Chronicles	10 - 18
August 19, 2021	2 Chronicles	19 - 29
August 20, 2021	2 Chronicles	30 - 36
August 21, 2021	Ezra	01 - 10
August 22, 2021	Nehemiah	01 - 07



Sermon Notes...

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