

## THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN RACE

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

*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, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

### The life of faith is painful...but worth it

The Victorious Christian Race is:

1. **Fueled by Faith**
2. **Freed from Impediment**
3. **Fervent in Spirit**
4. **Focused on Jesus**
5. **Finished in Glory**

## QUOTES OF NOTE

The unexamined life is not worth living. (Socrates, Greek philosopher)

Whatever weakens your reasoning, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, takes away your relish for spiritual things; if anything increases the authority and the power of the flesh over the spirit—that to you becomes sin no matter how “good” it is in itself. (Susanna Wesley to her son, John)

What you focus on, you make room for. What you fear, you empower. (John Paul Jackson, author)

*Without faith it is impossible to please God, for anyone who draws near to him must believe that he exists and rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)*

*If you confess your sins to God, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

*<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. (2Cor 4:7-10, 16)*