

**LOOKING UNTO JESUS IN LIGHT OF HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION FOR US
(Hebrews 12:1-2)**

From our context in Hebrews 12:1-2 we have noted a number of principles we should embrace...

1. We need to realize that we are _____ the race that God has _____!
2. We need to keep in mind those who successfully ran _____ (chp 11)
3. We are urged to _____ every weight & the sin that easily _____ our progress in the race of life!
4. We need to run with spiritual _____ for the _____.
 - For the Hebrew believers of the 1st century, their besetting sin was _____ toward Christ & His word in their _____ or 2nd tense salvation!
 - Who is our greatest enemy?
5. We need to be _____ in the race that is set before us!
 - Who put Christ to death? (Acts 4:26-28; Genesis 3:15)

 - What _____ did to Him is what we usually think of when we think of what He suffered & endured on the cross! But it was what the _____ did to Him on that cross that _____ the price for our sins!
 - What is the *significance* of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
 - a. The resurrection is a vital part of _____ message (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
 - b. The resurrection means Christ was _____ by others after His passion (15:5-8)
 - c. The resurrection of Christ & Christianity _____ or _____ on the validity of Christ's resurrection:
 - If there is no resurrection this would mean that...
 - 1) Christ is _____ (15:12-13)
 - 2) Then the message of the gospel would be _____ & our faith would be in _____ or for nothing (15:14)

- 3) Then all proclaimers of the gospel would be _____ (15:15)
 - 4) Then Christians would still be _____ (15:16-17)
 - 5) And all who died believing in Christ would in reality _____ (15:18)
 - 6) All Christians should then be _____ for believing this _____ message! (15:19)
- d. Christ's resurrection was a bodily resurrection which _____ our bodily resurrection one day (15:20-23)
 - e. Christ's death & resurrection is the _____ for running the Christian life race as it equips believer to _____ (run) in _____ (Romans 6:1-13)
- What is your sin nature like?

A principle: "The grace of God & our freedom in Christ have never been designed to be a _____ to sin!

Paul gives a **theological reason** for this principle.... "how shall we who have died to sin live any longer in sin?"

- What does "have died to sin" mean?

It means that every believer has been _____ with Christ in God's eyes, so that we have been _____ / _____ from the sin nature's right to rule in our lives!

- What are the *ramifications* of this *identification*? (6:6-10)

e. Regarding our *past master/slave relationship to the sin nature*"

- B/c of the cross work of Christ we are _____ a slave to the sin nature!
- B/c of our ID with Christ in His death we have been forever _____ from our previous relationship to the sin nature & its _____ over us!

f. Regarding our *present relationship with God* (6:8-10)

- B/c of the reality of our death with Christ via His cross work, we believe that we _____ with Him!
- B/c of Christ's _____ from the dead, death no longer has _____ over Him,
- Why? For the death He died, He died once for all unto _____ (the power of the sin nature), but the life that He lives He lives _____!

- What does **knowing** all this mean to you _____ as you now walk in newness of life?

1. Daily practical _____ over sin is _____ because of the person & work of Christ on my behalf!
2. B/c of my ID with Christ the sin nature has _____ as my master in life.

- So what is God asking of you? (6:11-14)