

# **Jesus, The Author and Finisher of our Faith**

Sermon 46 in the Hebrews Series

## **Hebrew 12:1-3**

### **The Cloud of Witnesses/The race we are to run**

**We find four exhortations in these 3 verses.**

1. Lay Aside
2. Run
3. Look
4. Consider

#### **I. Lay Aside (one word in Gk)**

Lay aside every “weight” – Gk – unnecessary bulk  
Lay aside the sin that far too easily ensnares us

Lay aside the things that distract.  
Lay aside the things that are sinful.  
Lay aside the hindrances that are our own particular issues,  
remembering the principles of Christian Liberty

#### **II. “Run” with Endurance (Perseverance)**

We are competitors, but not against one another.  
Each of us has our own individual race to run.

#### **III. “Looking” unto Jesus**

- A. He is the Author of our Faith  
Without Him, there would be no salvation.  
See usage in 2:10 – captain (source or founder)

## B. He is the Finisher (Perfecter) of our Faith

**10:14** -- definitive sanctification –earned by the work of Christ – and not by our own efforts.

We are absolutely responsible, and we are to run, but ultimately it all comes down to Him.

He is the Alpha and the Omega.  
The beginning and the end.  
The author and finisher of our faith.

## IV. “Consider” Him

Joyful anticipation (the joy set before Him)  
Suffering (Endured the cross)  
Despising the Shame (Humiliation)  
Sat down at the right hand of God (Exaltation – ruling and reigning)

He is the Ultimate Example

He looked to the eternal glory that would come to God through His own sacrifice and His own exaltation.

Our race isn't over – and there is no way to know what will come our way – but we know that it is in God's hands – and He will give us the consistency to run – or the courage to stand or fight – according to His providence.