



- Ticket for Heaven, poem by Robert Turner
- "I bin baptized"
  - But I got me a record, and don't you ferget,
  - Hit's good hard proof that I've been wet
  - And a genuwine record whut's writ in there
  - Praise thu Lord!! I bin baptized!



- 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 (ESV) 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
- Paul is indicating that this event clearly separated Israel from Egypt and to Jehovah.
  - They were now His people by covenant. (vs. 22)



- 1 Corinthians 10:5: Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- Why was God not pleased?
  - vs. 6-13 — SIN!
    - idolatry, sex, testing, grumbling
    - they gave in to temptation





- Fellowship and Covenant forsaken!
  - baptized, drank (2-4)
  - God is faithful (13)
    - you may endure it.
  - Flee from idolatry (14)
  - Participation (16, 18)
  - One body (17)
  - Provoke the Lord to Jealousy? (22)



- 1 Corinthians 10:6: Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.
- 1 Corinthians 10:11: Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

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were baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:27

- Galatians 3:27 (ESV) For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



- Acts 2:38-39 (ESV) 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”





- Romans 6:3-4 (ESV) 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.





- Romans 6:5 (ESV) 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



- Romans 6:11 (ESV) 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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- But that was a long time ago.
  - Now what?
- What does my baptism still mean to me?

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What should  
my baptism  
**STILL**  
mean to me?

- Belief and baptism are the beginning of a relationship, not the end or climax.
  - Like any relationship, it begins with excitement and love.
  - But it must not end there.
  - Relationships must grow and become more
    - Or they grow stale, old, and die.



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- How do I keep my relationship with Jesus alive?
- How can I live so that God is pleased with me?
  - Romans 6



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- 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



- Romans 6:1: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that **grace may abound**?
- Romans 6:14: For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
- Romans 6:15: What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!



# Live in the Abundance of God's Grace

Romans 5-6, NT p. 265-266

- LIVE!





- Romans 5:17: For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness **reign in life** through the one man Jesus Christ.



- Romans 5:20-21: Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might **reign** through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



- You are alive!
  - Romans 6:4: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in **newness of life**.
  - Romans 6:8: Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also **live with him**.



- Romans 6:10-11: For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and **alive to God in Christ Jesus.**





- Romans 6:22-23: But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



- Triumph over sin, triumph over death.
  - Live victoriously
  - Trust in God's faithfulness
  - Joy
- Don't live like you've been defeated.
  - Don't be like spiritual zombies... going after pleasures (evil desires) that never satisfy.



- Satan has flipped this idea (and we've made it easier)
  - The world presents itself as really living... fun, freedom,
- Sometimes we act as if we are put upon, suffering, sacrificing
  - I can't do that because...
  - Judging those outside
- Instead... live
  - I don't need momentary pleasures
  - I have something better: Jesus!
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- Righteousness
- Living in abundance of grace
  - Does not mean that I get to do what I want and God doesn't care, punish
    - Israel was overthrown in the wilderness!





- Romans 6:13: present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life,
  - and your members to God as instruments for **righteousness**.



- 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of **obedience, which leads to righteousness?**



- 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become **obedient from the heart** to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,
- 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become **slaves of righteousness**.
- 19 present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.



- Romans 6:5: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall **certainly** be united with him in a resurrection like his.
  - (CWSB Dictionary) **yet assuredly**
  - (MED) also serves to introduce a sentence with keenness and emphasis, Jn. 16:2; Rom. 6:5; 7,7; Phil. 3:8

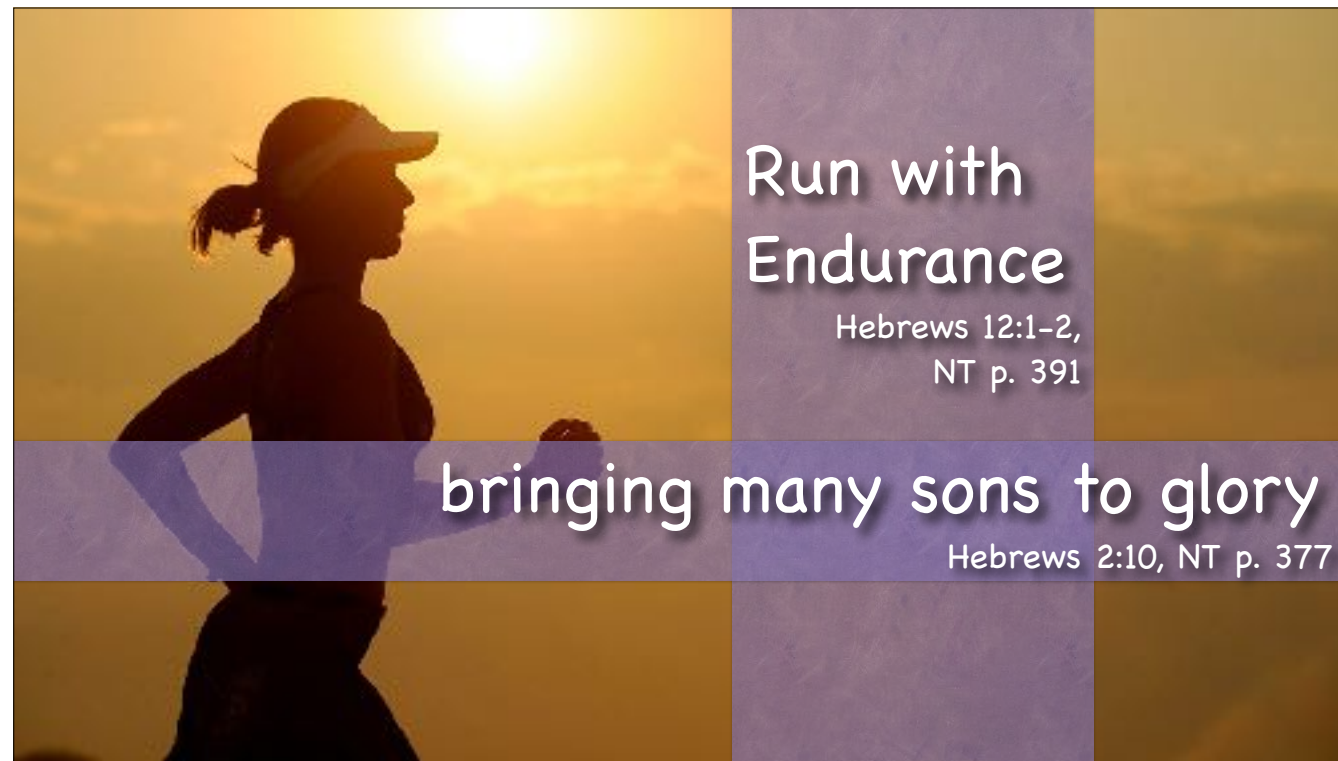


- Living in Grace means that we have a confidence in God so that we can endure to the end.
- The Hebrew saints struggled with this

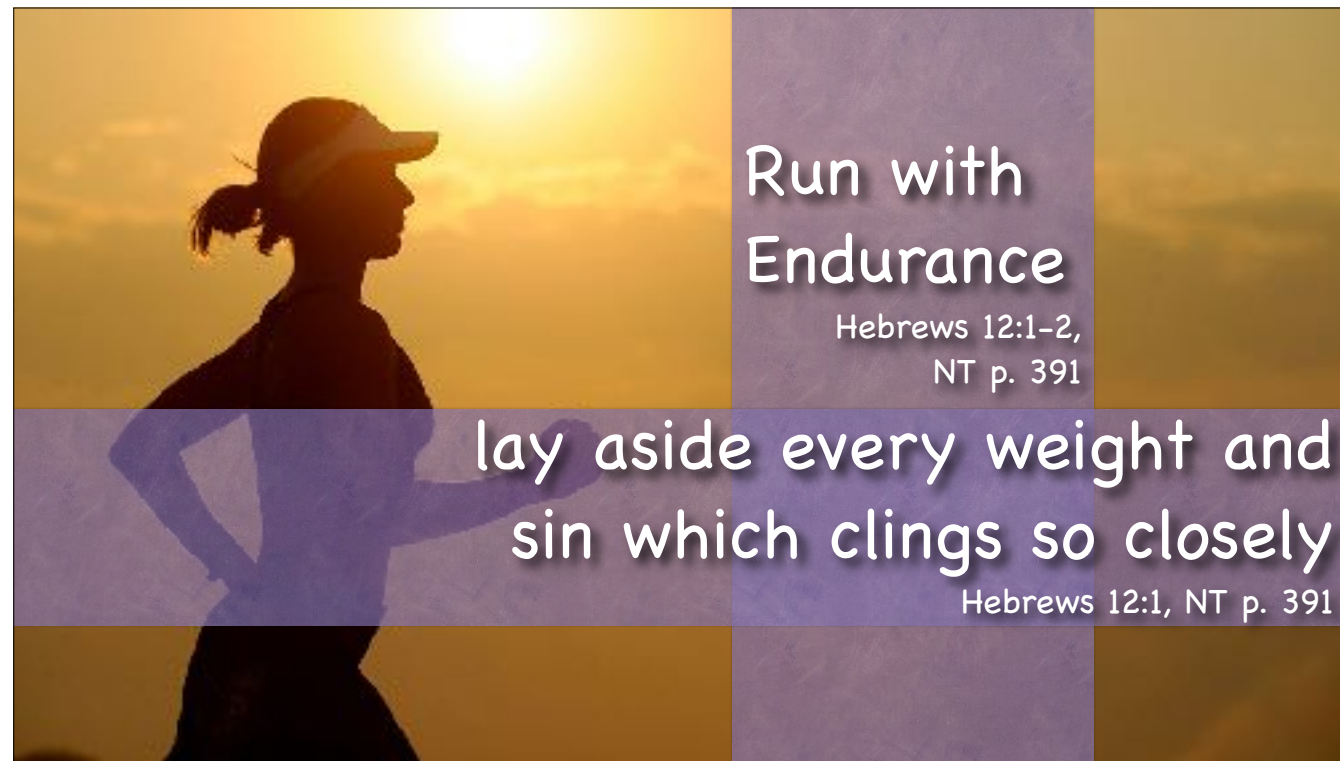




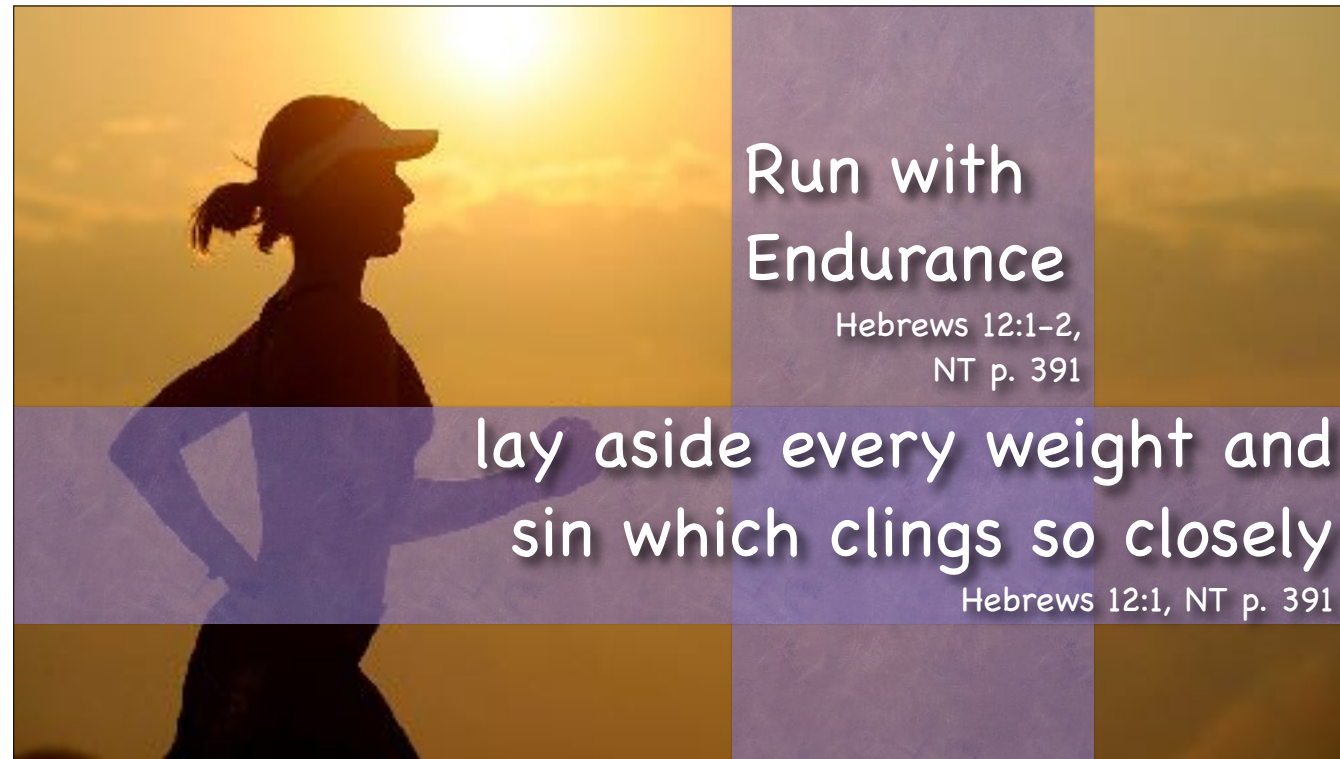
- Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV) 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.



- the race that is set before us ... seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
- Hebrews 2:10: For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in **bringing many sons to glory**, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.



- let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely
- 12:3 - grow weary and fainthearted
- 12:12 - drooping hands and weak knees
- 12:15 - root of bitterness
- 6:12 - sluggish
- 5:13 - child that doesn't grow - 6:1 to maturity
- 10:39 - shrink back
- 2.3 - neglect



- 2:1 - drift away
- 10:26 - sinning deliberately
- 3:12 - evil, unbelieving heart
- 3:12 - fall away (separation!) (4:11; 6:6)
- 12:15 - fails



- Looking to Jesus! (vs. 3)
  - He's been through life... made like us, brother
  - He's been tempted... and overcome
  - He's struggled emotionally, spiritually
- But he endured all, obeyed, triumphed





## Run with Endurance

Hebrews 12:1-2,  
NT p. 391

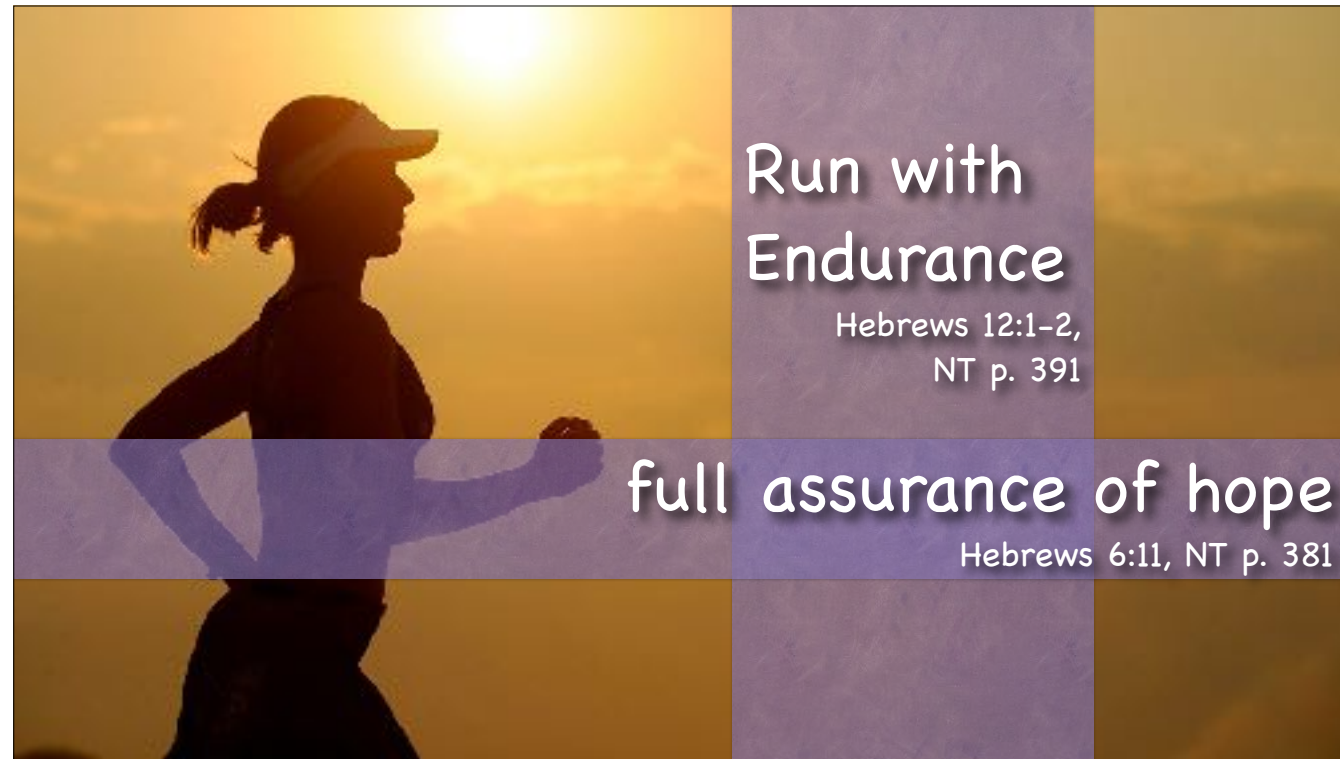
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Hebrews 10:39, NT p. 388

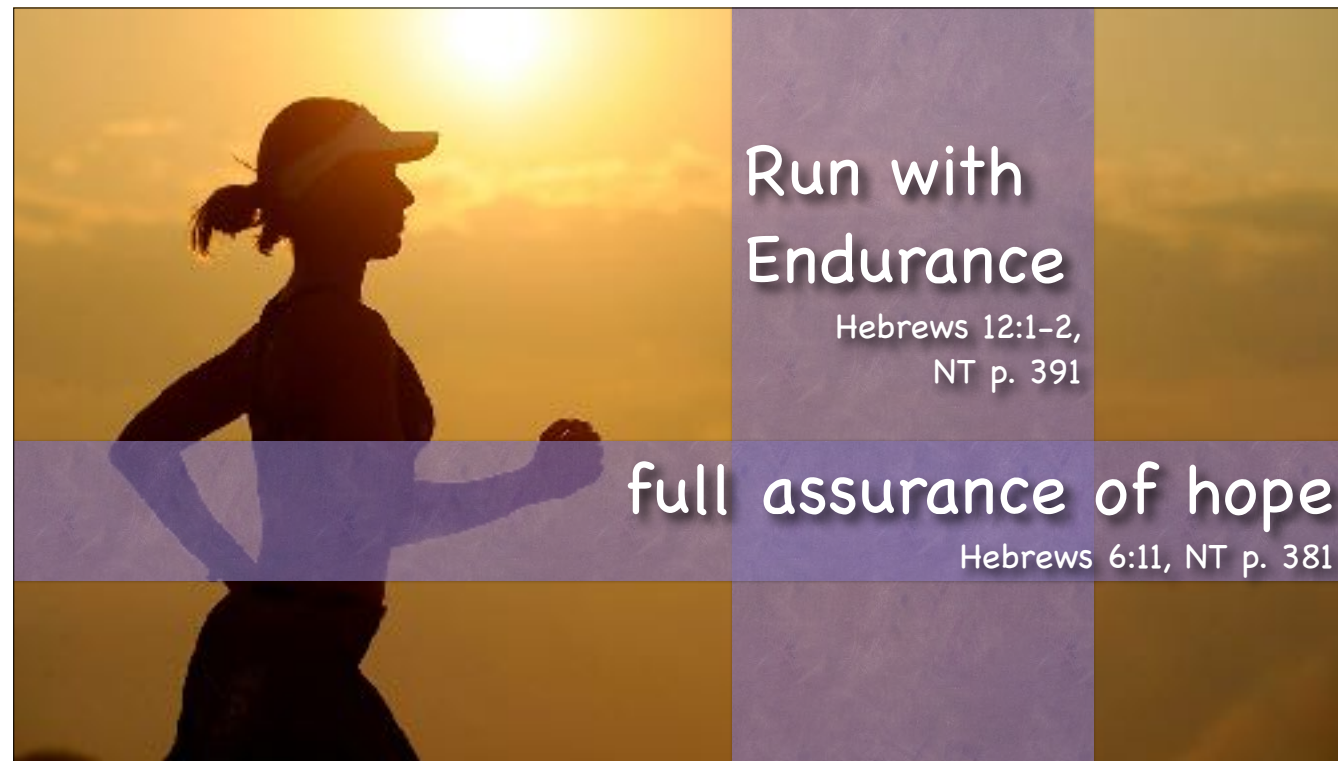
- Faith
  - Hebrews 10:39: But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.
  - Hebrews 11:1: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.



- Hebrews 11:6: And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.



- Hebrews 3:6: but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our **boasting in our hope**.
- Hebrews 6:11: And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the **full assurance of hope** until the end



- Hebrews 6:18: we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the **hope** set before us.
- Hebrews 6:19: We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a **hope** that enters into the inner place behind the curtain



- Hebrews 3:6: And we are his house, if indeed we **hold fast our confidence** and our boasting in our hope.
- Hebrews 3:14: For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we **hold our original confidence firm to the end.**





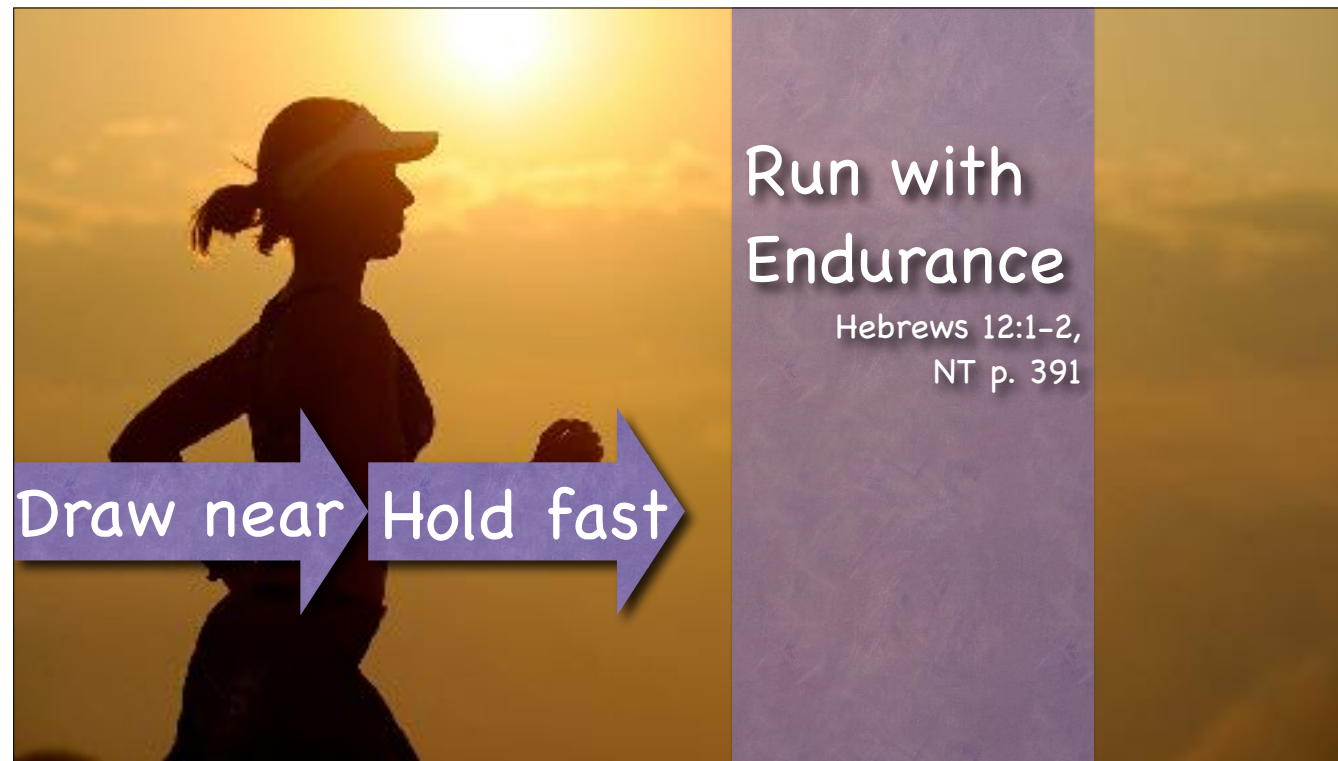
- Hebrews 4:16: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may **receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**
- Hebrews 2:18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, **he is able to help those who are being tempted.**
  - Jesus doesn't just pat us on the back and say "Good luck, kid!"



- Hebrews 6:11: And we desire each one of you to show the same **earnestness** to have the full assurance of hope until the end
- Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV) 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,



- 22 let us **draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

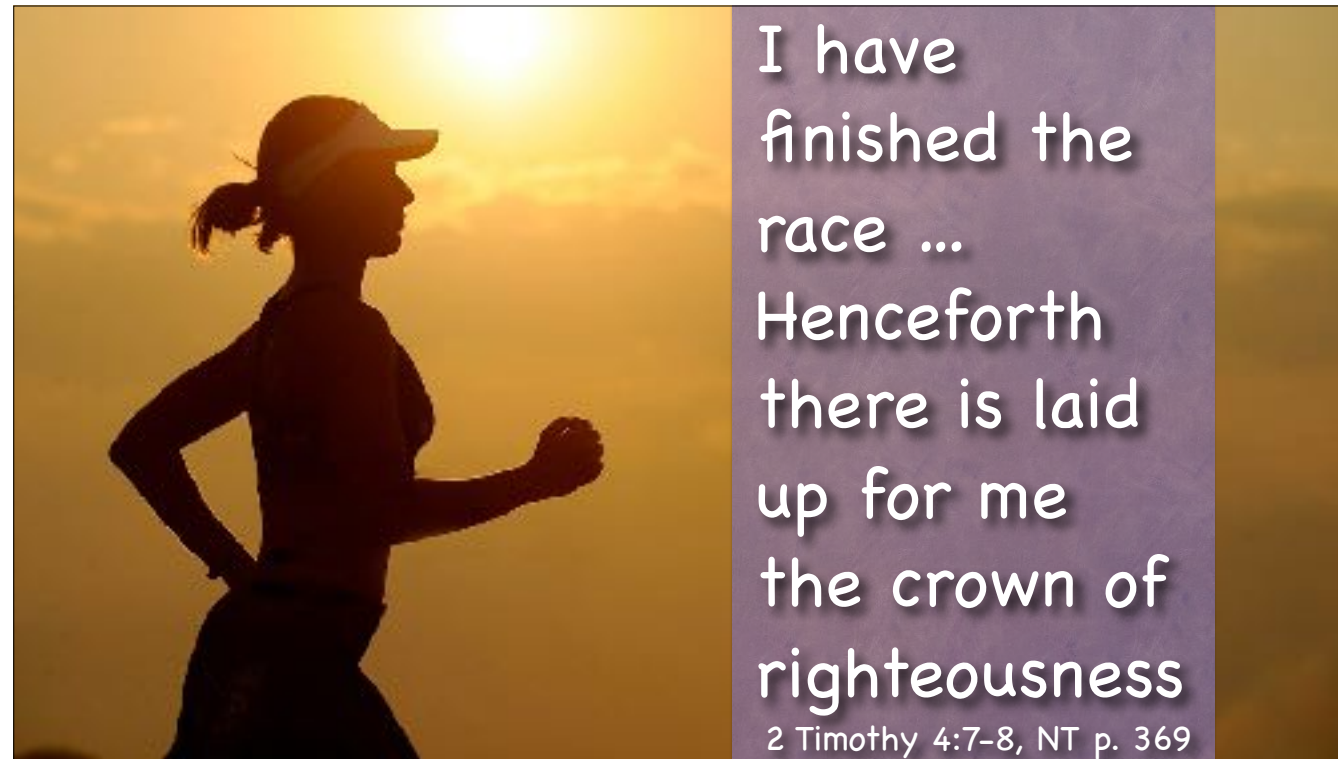


- 23 Let us **hold fast the confession of our hope** without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.



- 24 And let us **consider how to stir up one another to love and good works**, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging** one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
  - Exhort day by day
    - Hebrews 12:12-13
- We need this desperately. I need it.





- 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV) 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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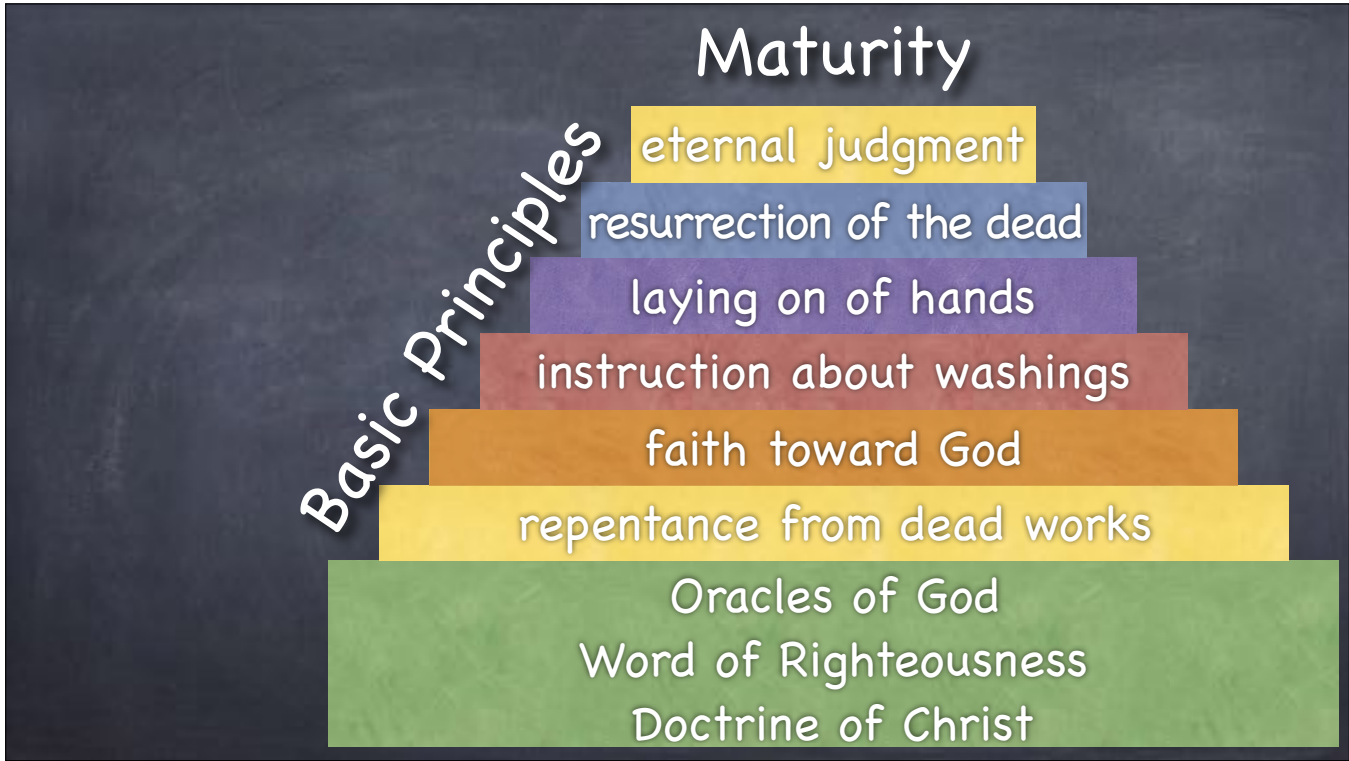
Mark 16:16, NT p. 94

**BE BAPTIZED!**

- Be baptized!
- Mark 16:16 (ESV) Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

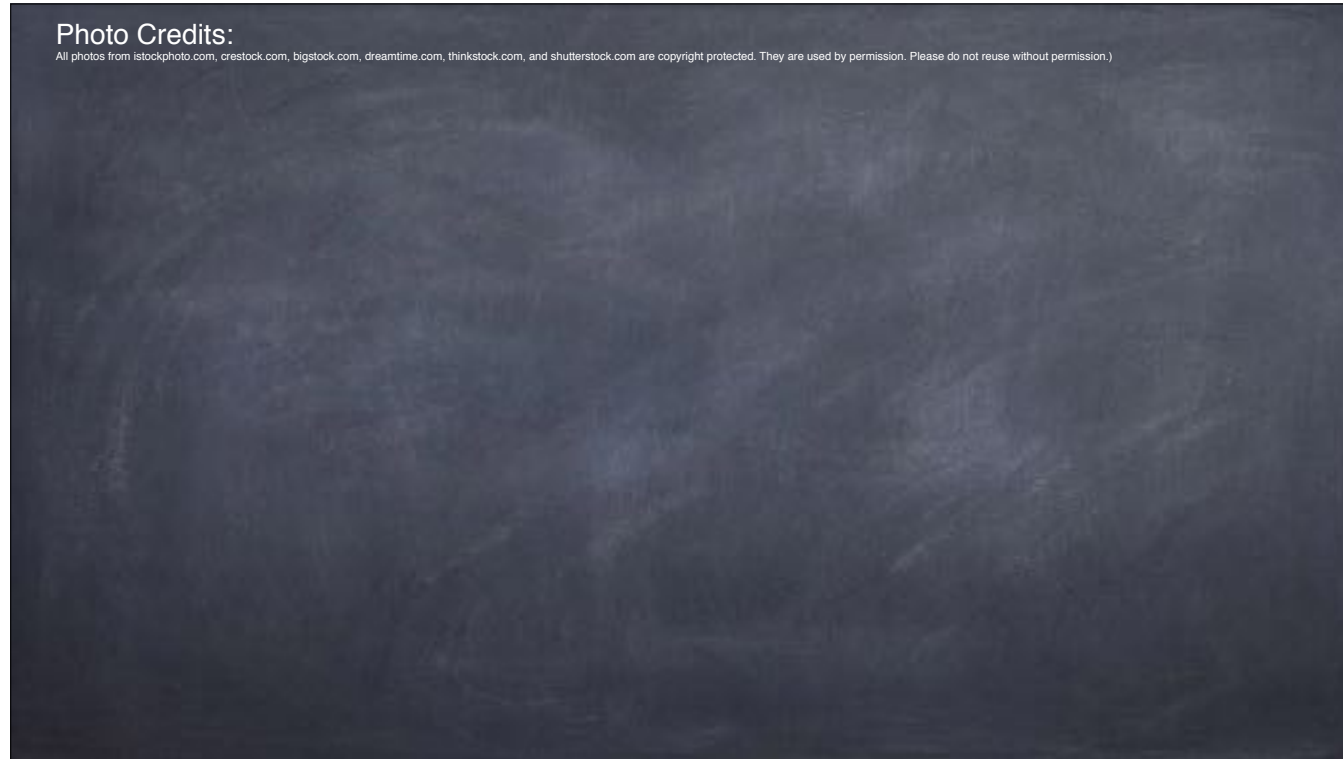
**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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## I Bin Baptized

1 Corinthians 10:5

Synopsis: Robert Turner wrote a poem called "Ticket to Heaven", reminding us that baptism is the beginning of our relationship with God and we must continue living in His grace and confidence.

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