

The Superiority of Christ

"A Faith that Endures"

Hebrews 12

Introduction

Today, we will learn how to apply the lessons of Christ's overcoming victory to our own areas of struggle and see how we too can overcome and be victorious through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Already, in this series, we have found Christ to be:

- Better than the Prophets
- Better than the Angels
- Better than Moses and the Law
- Better than Aaron and the Levitical Priesthood
- Better than the Old Testament Covenants
- Better than the Faith of the Old Testament Saints

1. In Chapter 12, the writer challenges us to develop the faith that _____.
2. The message of chapter 12 is to lay aside every weight and the _____ that so easily snares us.
3. Sometimes it's the _____ and weight of situations and circumstances that ensnare us.
4. Many times we _____ to sin even though the sin could easily be avoided.
5. We are to run our race with _____ and endurance.
6. God has set before you a race that will involve your effort and _____.
7. God wants us to run and _____ the race!
8. _____ is only achieved by those who endure.
9. We are engaged in the conflict and struggle to bring people into a relationship of _____ in Jesus Christ.

10. Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of _____.

I. Look to Jesus

11. We run the race of life with our eyes _____ firmly on Jesus, who stands at the finish line.

12. Jesus is our focus, _____, and example.

13. We turn our attention to Christ and turn away from every other _____.

14. Jesus is the ultimate _____ of Christian endurance.

15. Jesus is not just the author of our faith; He is also the _____ of it.

16. There is a _____ that is set before us!

17. Just like Christ, we despise the struggle and the shaming that often accompanies _____.

18. One of the most significant elements of the torture of the cross was its extreme _____.

19. Many people will do just about anything for Jesus except endure shame or _____.

20. There is always _____ or ridicule that goes along with being a follower of Jesus.

21. It is to those who _____ that God promises a reward.

22. God has a great _____ in store for those who endure!

II. Consider Jesus (3-4)

23. The Jewish Christians were _____ because they were starting to experience significant social and economic persecution.

24. The Hebrew writer tells them they should consider Jesus because He endured such hostility from _____.
25. These Jewish Christians should be encouraged knowing they are following in the _____ of Jesus.
26. God allows difficult times as "the _____ of God."
27. God is not the cause of evil, but He does allow people to _____ evil.
28. We also know that God allows difficult times so that we can, later, _____ someone else with the same comfort God shows towards us in our crisis.
29. One reason for the discouragement among these Jewish Christians was they had _____ the principles regarding the chastening of the Lord.
30. The principles of God may be stored somewhere in our minds, but our _____ have forgotten them.
31. God chastens us so we will _____ His principles again!
32. We may not know by experience what a model father is, but we all know by _____ what a good father is.
33. God's correction is never to make us _____ for our sins.
34. His correction is motivated only by His love, not by His justice; God chastens us without _____.
35. It is because he _____ us that God corrects us!

III. Expect Results

36. Verse 11 challenges us to look at the _____ of chastening more than the process of chastening.
37. No chastening seems to be _____ for the present.

38. God wants you to look beyond the process to the result to see if the _____ of chastening is evident in your life.
39. Some never experience the peaceable fruit of _____ because God's chastening has never trained them.
40. God always has a _____ for training you, and we have to learn to trust Him.

Conclusion

41. The picture of strengthened hands and knees and straight-ahead feet challenge us to work and move _____ for the Lord.

Rather than give in to discouragement, God encourages us to step out in faith and trust his guidance. His leadership will always see us through the conflicts and storms of life. When the storms and trials of life come, be bold, confident, and persevering in faith, for the Lord your God is with you.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Endures | 21. Overcome | 41. forward |
| 2. Sin | 22. Blessing | |
| 3. Burden | 23. discouraged | |
| 4. Choose | 24. sinners | |
| 5. Patience | 25. footsteps | |
| 6. Commitment | 26. chastening | |
| 7. Finish | 27. choose | |
| 8. Victory | 28. comfort | |
| 9. Faith | 29. forgotten | |
| 10. Endurance | 30. hearts | |
| 11. Fixed | 31. remember | |
| 12. Inspiration | 32. intuition | |
| 13. Distraction | 33. pay | |
| 14. Proof | 34. anger | |
| 15. Finisher | 35. loves | |
| 16. Joy | 36. results | |
| 17. Oppression | 37. joyful | |
| 18. Shame | 38. fruit | |
| 19. Embarrassment | 39. righteousness | |
| 20. Persecution | 40. purpose | |