**SERMON NOTES**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

**“Run Your Race”**

**Hebrews 11: 39 – 12: 1**

***BIG IDEA: Two things we will consider this morning from our text: (1) the encouragement and motivation of others to aid us in finishing our race and (2) the discipline necessary to stay the course and run the race.***

**To be commended means to be ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’, ‘extoled’, ‘lauded’, ‘acclaimed’, ‘applauded’ or ‘celebrated’.**

**Their faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the vehicle and the means that caused these examples in Hebrews 11 to be commended.**

**Faith / belief in God to keep His promises and His word is what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God. And also, that same faith to simply believe in His promises and Word brings to us His reward, His commendation and praise.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God causes us to be commended by God.**

**None of these mentioned here in Hebrews 11 saw the greatest and grandest promise of God obtained, and in fact, all of them have still yet to see the greatest grandest promise come to pass: their final glorification, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their new bodies in Heaven.**

**The resurrection of earthly bodies of flesh – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to newness without sin and the effects of sin, dwelling forever in Heaven with God - was the greatest hope and the greatest promise that God had given to His people (Isaiah 26:19; Psalm 49:15).**

**God’s promise of resurrection for His people was always a promise of a resurrection that would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – arms, legs, ears, noses, flesh and blood, made new by God (Job 19:26).**

**The faithful believers who have gone on already to Heaven have not yet received all that was promised because God is waiting for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – for us; for those who by repentance of sin and faith and trust in Jesus’s life and death and resurrection complete our race of faith.**

**The promise of God for a new heavenly resurrection body will come, but it will not come - God’s Word says here – apart from us, that is when it happens it will happen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for all the faithful who are in Jesus by faith (John 6:40; 1 Corinthians 15: 51-55; 1 John 3:2).**

**The Christian faith is not a private individual faith; instead, it is very much a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, together, ‘with others’ faith – right down to the very end and completion of our salvation.**

**The cloud of witness finished the race and we too can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the race of faith.**

**Lay aside every weight, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that clings so closely.**

**Not every weight that might slow or stop you in your race of faith is overtly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Running with endurance is having the perspective to look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Christian life requires the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith.**

Blanks: praised; God; pleases; Faith; resurrection; redeemed; body; me; together; corporate; finish; sin; sinful; ahead; endurance;

*“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.” 1 Timothy 4: 13*

**Congregational Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 7-8**

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 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.”