“Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus” Pt. 1

Intro: This morning as we come to the opening of the 12th chapter of Hebrews we recognize a familiar pattern. As is common among the N.T. letters, having laid down the truth of Christ and the necessity of faith in Him the Author now turns to exhort us in the ________________ of that truth to the living of our lives. We are to be more than mere hearers of the Word, but _______ also!

A. Here in the 12th chapter a resounding call goes out: having learned of Christ Jesus and the necessity of faith in Him to salvation so are we exhorted to ______ our lives ___ ________, obediently persevering throughout the remainder of our days and even in our death.

I. A race is set before us. It is the race of the Christian life which is _____ __ _______ in Jesus!

A. The arena is filled with the saints of Old bearing witness to us and of us, encouraging and ______________ us to run by _______ Christ and glorifying the Father as we do.

B. That we might run well, let us also ______ ____ that which weighs us down, hinders us, distracts us, making us _____________ in running the race by faith.

C. As those who have gone before us we must cast off the____ of faithlessness which so easily ______________ the Christian runner, tripping him up, sending him to the ground, knocking him out of the race. We must guard our hearts and minds by believing in God and all He promised, obeying Him in all things so as not to become entangled in sin.

D. We are to run the race of the Christian life with the endurance ______ _____________ through the faith He grants. We will not finish the course of we run in our own strength, looking to our own ability. May we seek to run the race that is set before us by God’s own good will by the endurance He grants us through faith.
II. We run the race by with endurance by _________ our eyes _________.

A. The Christian faith has an _________, and _________ is His name!

1. The heroes of Old ran by faith with _______ fixed on the Messiah who was to come, and we run by faith with our eyes fixed on the ____________ who has come!

Closing: Beloved church, if we will be about the fixing of our sight, our affections, our desires, our _______ on _________ then our souls will be forever satisfied for no matter what comes in this life we know that in the life to come that we will be ever with our love, the One who first loved us and gave Himself for us, our Lord Jesus Christ. And there is no other way to be with Him then except that we are fixing our eyes on Him ______.

Consider the supremacy of Jesus Christ! _____________ that the only way to come to Him is by faith believing. Consider that those who have gone before us endured their race by faith in the coming _________.

And consider that God has granted us the faith to believe and endure as we are fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Christ who has come. And let us respond ___ running the race with the endurance of the _______ God granted us, with faith’s object, the Lord Jesus, our constant and ever-satisfying view.

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