“Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus” Pt. II

Intro: Having taught of the supremacy of Christ Jesus over and above all others, Jesus being God very God, the perfect fulfillment of the Old Testament Messianic types, shadows, prophecies and the Law, who is the High Priest over high priests, who made the once for all time atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, he then showed that the ______ way to come into a saving relationship with God is through ______ ___ that same ___________.

A. Having learned of the truth of Christ and faith we now learn how to _________________ in the faith on a _________ basis.

I. We are instructed run with endurance the race that is set before us by fixing our ______ ___ ___________ because:

A. Jesus is the ___________ and _____________ of faith.
   1. Being the author and perfecter of our faith _________ is the originator of the faith through which He savingly sustains us, causing us to persevere, _____________ God’s intended end in us to _________________.
   2. Being the author and perfecter of the faith Jesus is our supreme _______________, the One whom ___ _____________ by fixing our eyes on Him.

B. Jesus _____________ the cross ___ anticipating the _____ that was set before Him.
   1. That _________ joy became His _______________ hope!
      a. He exchanged the _____________ sufferings of this life and the cross ______ the _____________ glories of God!
      b. Jesus _____________ the cross _____ the _____ of revealing the glory of the Father through the redemption of mankind!
      c. Jesus willingly endured the cross for the _____ ___ gaining the ______ ________, the church.
d. Christ Jesus endured the horror of the cross by looking to the ____ __ being ____________ to the ________ He had with the Father before the world was!

e. Jesus suffered much shame in His crucifixion but dear church, He held all in the right proportion knowing that His ______ and suffering was nothing more than a momentary affliction that was not worthy of being compared to the eternal weight of the joyous glory that awaited Him. As horrible and profound as the shame was, He counted ________________ in comparison to what He would gain.

II. So as to persevere in the faith, running the race with endurance, we are to be fixing our eyes on Jesus for the purpose of ____________
____________________ His life so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

A. A proper estimation of the life and death of the God-man Christ Jesus will give the believer the strength and encouragement that is needed to sustain him in his faith for ________ is _____ ___________. Consider Jesus!

B. Consider what the author and perfecter of faith endured at the hands of sinners, and then know that it is ____ who ______ the same endurance __ _____!

Closing: Let us stand in the truth which the Apostle pronounced when he said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the ________ there is laid up for me the ________ of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also ___ ___ _____ have __________ His appearing” (2 Tim 4:7-8).

As we by faith fix our eyes on Jesus, considering Him for enduring strength and fortitude, running the race to its end, so do we know with full confidence that the day rapidly approaches when we will hear those blessed words, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, _____ into _____ _____ of the Lord!”

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