

## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS HERE COMPARED TO A RACE

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1. The Christian is represented as a runner competing for a prize. Heb. 12:1-2
  1. Here the writer arouses the Christian to activity and perseverance by the example of those who have already triumphed, and are now bearing silent but eloquent testimony to the power of faith.
2. A race is characterized by three things:
  1. A race has its limitations, so has the Christian life.
    1. The racer may not run just any place, but must pursue the course marked out for him. 1 Cor. 9:24
    2. In the Christian life the race is set before us.
  2. A race is characterized by intense activity, so is the Christian life.
    1. There is no room for slothfulness or indifference. Romans 12:11
  3. A race is characterized by brevity, so is the Christian life upon the earth.
    1. The race we are running requires intense effort, but only for a short season, the goal will soon appear, will soon be reached. James 4:14

## THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

1. "Witness" has two meanings. They are:
  1. The word means one who looks on and sees: a spectator
    1. They may tell several stories about the same thing.
  2. The word "witness" also means one who gives evidence.
    1. The witnesses of our lesson testify to us what God can make out of common men and women.

