

Endurance

Hebrews 12:1-13

Introduction:

The one theme that runs through Hebrews 12 is “endurance.” The Jewish believers who received this letter were getting weary and wanted to give up, but the writer encouraged them to keep moving forward in their Christian lives, like runners on a track. The writer viewed the trials of the Christian life as a spiritual discipline that could help a believer mature. Instead of trying to escape the difficulties of life we should rather be exercised by them so that we might grow.

I. Salvation in Christ is:

- a) Better
- b) Perfect
- c) Eternal

II. Endurance

- a) Run the race of the Christian life.
- b) Lay aside encumbering weight and entangling sin.
- c) Fix your eyes on Jesus who endured the cross.

III. Discipline

- a) We are disciplined because we are God’s children.
- b) Don’t despise it and don’t feint.
- c) Discipline seems sorrowful for the moment.
- d) But it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.