

Acts 20:24

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the **race** and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. NIV



1 Corinthians 9:24

Do you not know that in a **race** all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. NIV



Galatians 2:2

I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my **race** in vain. NIV



Galatians 5:7

You were running a good **race**. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? NIV



Philippians 2:14-17

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. NIV

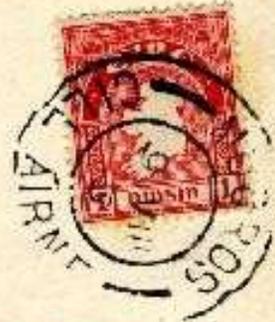


2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the **race**, I have kept the faith. NIV



The Letter to the
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Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. NIV

Hebrews 12:14-17

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. NKJV

Sanctification – What does that mean?

To make Holy, To purify, To set apart to God

Are we sanctified or being sanctified?

Positional Sanctification -

Positional Sanctification – As I stand I am completely holy and set apart to God.

1 Corinthians 1:2-3

2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ — their Lord and ours:

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. NIV

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. NIV

Progressive Sanctification:

Our lives continue to conform to Christ-likeness in increasing measure.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly — mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? NIV

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Galatians 5:4

You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. NIV

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Deuteronomy 29:18

Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.

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Hebrews 12:11

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of **righteousness and peace** for those who have been trained by it. NIV



In This Family
We **Love** Each Other
With Our **Actions**
And Our **Words** 