

# Conformed to the Image of Christ: Christ's Perseverance

- “But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. <sup>4</sup> We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts **into God's love and Christ's perseverance.**” (2 Thessalonians 3:3-5)

□ “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,** <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him **he endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> **Consider him who endured** such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

- I) **Therefore, we are called to “run with perseverance”!**
- A. “since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses”
- B. “the race marked out for us”
- C. “throwing off everything”

**II) “Fixing our eyes on Jesus!”**

A. “the pioneer and perfecter of faith”

B. “he endured the cross, scorning its shame”



### **III) Considering Him “so that you will not grow weary and lose heart!”**

- A. “who endured such opposition from sinners”
- B. “But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” (1 Peter 2:20-21)

### **IV) Remembering the Lord is faithful to strengthen and protect us!**

- “But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one... May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.” (2 Thessalonians 3:3-5)