Fight, Run, Keep

Text: 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Jesus' Return

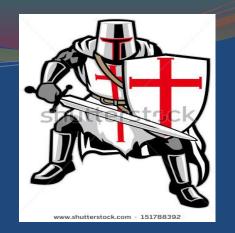
- Judgment day
- "on that day,"
- at least 8 times in the New Testament.
- 2 Tim 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

How Do we as Christians prepare for "the day"?

2 Tim. 4:7-8

Fight the good fight

- Eph. 6:10–18
- Jm. 4:7
 - Remember Satan wants to devour God's people. I Pet. 5:8
 - Remember sometimes we are our own worst enemy: Rom. 7:18-23
 - Remember our enemy is unseen and unpredictable, but powerful:
 Eph. 6:12

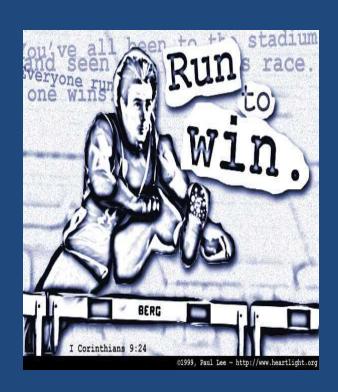


God has equipped us for this spiritual fight: Eph. 6:13

- Do you remember confessing your faith?
- Do you remember your commitment to repentance?
- Do you remember your baptism?
- Why were you baptized?
- Have you kept your commitment you made?

Run the Christian Race

- 1 Cor. 9:24-27
- Heb. 12:1
- Php. 2:16



Keep the Faith



- Robert Clinton in a book called "7
 Habits of Effective Church Leaders"
 suggests three marks of Christian
 leaders who finish well.
 - At the end of their lifetime they still have a close relationship with God.
 - They are still learners.
 - They have left behind a legacy, and ultimate contribution.

Ph. 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Will we do the same?

To win the Christian race

- •we must fight,
- •run,
- •and keep the faith