

TEXT

I CORINTHIANS 9:19 - 23

- 19 ¶ For though I be free from all men, **yet have I made myself SERVANT unto all**, that I might **GAIN** the more.
- 20 And unto **the Jews** I became as a **JEW**, that I might **GAIN the Jews**; to them that are **under the law**, as **UNDER THE LAW**, that I might **GAIN** them that are **under the law**;
- 21 To them that are **without law**, as **WITHOUT LAW**, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might **GAIN** them that are **without law**.
- 22 To **the weak** became I as **WEAK**, that I might **GAIN the weak**: **I am made ALL THINGS to ALL MEN, that I might by all means SAVE some**.
- 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

TO BE ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

63-0607 BE.NOT.AFRAID_ TUCSON.AZ FRIDAY_

« 22 † And how many ever remember Fred Bosworth, Brother F. F. Bosworth, the great old saint of God? And he just went home to Glory, at eighty-four years old, just recently. And he said, "Brother Branham, you know what fellowship is?"

I said, "I think so, Brother Bosworth."

23 He said, "It's two fellows in just one ship." So, I got room for the other, so I'm very grateful.

24 And it always reminds me of a little story. I was coming in, outside, one of the ushers met me and shook my hand. He said, "Say, preacher," said, "I'm--I'm your fellow brother."

25 I said, "I'm glad to meet you." And told me his name, and he was an Irishman, too.

26 And so somebody asked me, one time, said, "What nationality are you, Brother Branham?"

27 I said, "I'm Irish." And if there's... **"And if they can be saved, there's hope for the whole world."**

28 And so--and so he happened to be an Irishman, also. And he said, "I like that stories about hunting." He said, "I like to hunt too."

29 So, well, **"You have to be ALL THINGS, to ALL MEN,"** you know, **"that we might WIN some to Christ."**

63-0901E DESPERATIONS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 57 † And on the Lamb's Book of Life, I want my name wrote. I want Him to remember me when the roll call. And it throws me into desperation, that is, like **PAUL** said, "After I have preached the Gospel shall I be a--a stowaway, shall I be a--a **CASTOFF**?" It could happen. So it throws me into a desperate stage, desperation, to think of, after all these years of preaching, would I--could I... a place come where I could fail Him? What's the next move? What must I do next? And it throws me into a nervous stage. And what can I do? It throws me to the mountains and to the valleys. **And it's hard, because, when I'm with the people, I've got to be ALL THINGS to ALL MEN, that I might WIN some to Christ,** yet with that Token always before me. See?

SO RUN THAT YE MAY OBTAIN

I CORINTHIANS 9:24 - 27

24 ¶ Know ye not that they which **RUN** in a **RACE RUN** all, but one receiveth the prize?

So RUN, that ye may OBTAIN.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to **OBTAIN** a corruptible **CROWN**; but we an incorruptible.

26 **I therefore so RUN, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:**

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a **CASTAWAY**.

REWARD

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« 133-1 "And I will give thee a **CROWN OF LIFE**." Since not even a cup of cold water given in the Name of the Lord fails to receive a reward, how great shall be the reward to him who gives his life as a martyr for the Name of the Lord Jesus. Perhaps we can get a small idea if we compare this **CROWN** with the **CROWN** won in a **RACE**.

In **I Corinthians 9:24**, **PAUL** says,

"Know ye not that they which **RUN** in a **RACE RUN** all, but one receiveth the prize? **So RUN that ye may OBTAIN.**"

A **CROWN** given to the winner of the Olympic **RACE** was a garland of olive branches. But the **CROWN** spoken of here in the Revelation, given to a martyr, is the **CROWN OF ROYALTY**. Jesus calls it the **CROWN OF LIFE**. The one **CROWN** is for those who have **striven**; the other is for those who have **given**. Both **CROWNS** are incorruptible. They will not perish. The winners of the **WORLDLY RACE OF LIFE** will soon lose the joy of the plaudits of the world. Their glory will fail. But those who give their lives for God, either by daily striving or shedding their blood as the **CROWNING SACRIFICE** of their lives will be given the **CROWN OF LIFE**.

« 133-2 All too little time is spent on laboring for the **ETERNAL REWARDS** of God. The recompense of God is too lightly esteemed. If we believe in the reality of the resurrection of the body, and an eternal kingdom of substance, then we ought to lay up in heaven those **GOOD TREASURES** that are available to the faithful saints.

RUN, RUN, RUN JUST AS HARD AS YOU CAN

61-0101 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 585-643 SUNDAY_

« 282 † Oh, my! Do you see? God declares Himself, He loves to. He's Jehovah. He likes to make Hissself known. Oh, I'm so glad of it. Yes, sir. He's made Hissself known to me, I know He has to you. Some of you young people just converted, yet you don't... might not know Him in the power and great things that the older Christians do, but you're coming right on into it. You're coming right up the King's highway. **Just keep looking and pressing just hard as you can. RUN, RUN, RUN just hard as you can. Don't stop for nothing, just keep on going.**

RULES OF THE GAME - DISQUALIFIED (I Corinthians 9:27 "castaway")

60-0729 WHAT.IT.TAKES.TO.OVERCOME.ALL.UNBELIEF.OUR.FAITH_ YAKIMA.WA FRIDAY_

« E-51 † There's an old proverb that's more than a proverb. No matter how--who is there **first**, you have to play the **rules of the game** or you'll never win. If a **RUNNER** is **RUNNING** around the track, and one takes a short cut, and cuts through the field, and beats the other one there by a half hour, still he will be **disqualified** at the end of the **RACE**. He's got to play it according to the **rules of the game** or he's **disqualified**.

And that's the way we have to do, the **RACE OF LIFE** that we're **RUNNING** now, it's has to be played according to **God's qualifications** or we'll lose when we get there. Whether we're president, whether we are the governor, or a minister, or who--what church we belong to, or what denomination, the **rules of the game** has to be kept. We must **RUN** it **fair**; we must play it by the **rules**. We must preach the Word. We must do it willingly.

PAUL said in, I believe, in **Hebrews the 12th chapter**, "That seeing we are compassed about with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth easily beset us, that we might **RUN** with patience the **RACE** that's set before us." **PAUL** was speaking in the olympics and so forth, that was in Greece and Rome, and so forth; he knowed that you had to play that game **fair**, for if you did not, you'd be **disqualified**.

And tonight, as borned again Christians, as believers here at the end time, we've got to play the game according to the **rules**. We've got to **RUN** with patience the **RACE** that's set before us, looking to the Author and Finisher, Jesus Christ.

ONE SACRIFICE FOR SIN, ONCE FOR ALL

HEBREWS 10:10 - 18

- 10 By the which will we are **SANCTIFIED** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **ONCE FOR ALL**.
- 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
- 12 **But this man, after he had offered ONE sacrifice for sins FOR EVER**, sat down on the right hand of God;
- 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
- 14 For by **ONE offering** he hath **PERFECTED FOR EVER** them that are **SANCTIFIED**.
- 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,
- 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;
- 17 **AND THEIR SINS AND INIQUITIES WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE.**
- 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

ONCE AND FOR ALL - SET FREE

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« 137-2 That is what happened for our redemption. The Holy Ghost came upon Mary and she bore a Son and called Him, Jesus. The great Creator came down and became a sacrifice for our sin. His blood was the blood of God. That is exactly what it was. That blood of God was shed and the Spirit left Him as He died in agony. **Then the SAME LIFE (SPIRIT) came back to in-dwell the repentant sinner and SET HIM FREE.** That sinner did not come back year after year, sacrifice after sacrifice, for there was no need. **By ONE sacrifice, ONCE and FOR ALL** he has been **SET FREE** from the dominion of sin, and has received the life of Christ whereby he reigns in **VICTORY** over **sin**, the **world**, the **flesh** and the **devil**.

OH, YOU'LL BACKSLID, DO THINGS THAT'S WRONG

54-1003E JUBILEE.YEAR_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 170 † " **ONCE**, for by one sacrifice has He perfected forever those that are sanctified in Christ Jesus: **ONCE FOR ALL**." No more turning back, no more going this, no more doing that. **Oh, you'll BACKSLID, do things that's wrong...?...** and come on. See? But **ONE** time Christ **SANCTIFIES** a human soul **by filling him with THE HOLY SPIRIT**; it's **PERFECTED FOREVER**. There you are, no more desire to do wrong, "For the worshipper once purged has no more conscience (or desire, the right translation...)... The worshipper, once purged..." Oh, I wish I could just sink that deep. "*The worshipper, the believer, once purged, has no more desire of sin, nowhere*": **SETTLED FOREVER**. "For He has **PERFECTED** by **ONE Sacrifice FOREVER** those that are in Christ Jesus." The world becomes dead. You don't care for it no more. Your **affections** are set on things above.