

# Hebrews 12:1-4

- **1** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who **for the joy that was set before Him** endured the cross,

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- despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. **4** You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.



# **The Joy Set Before Us**

**Hebrews 12:2**

# The Joy Set Before Us

- **The Joy Is Heaven**
  - **1 Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:1-5**
    - **God, our Heavenly Father**
    - **Jesus Christ, our Savior**
    - **Spirit, guarantee of our Inheritance**
    - **The Angels of God**
    - **All the Redeemed**
    - **For All Eternity**

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- **Do we Keep this Joy Before Us?**
  - **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**
    - **Hebrews 11:13-16**
  - **Moses**
    - **Hebrews 11:24-27**

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- **Do we Keep this Joy Before Us?**
  - **Paul**
    - **Philippians 1:21-23; 3:12-14, 20**
  - **Jesus**
    - **Hebrews 12:2**

# The Joy Set Before Us

- **Obstacles to Receiving This Joy**

- **Sin**

- **Heb. 11:25; 12:1, 4; Isa. 59:1-2; 1 Jn. 2:15-17**

- **Spiritual Laziness**

- **Hebrews 6:11-12; Revelation 3:14-19**

- **Becoming Weary & Discouraged**

- **Hebrews 12:3; Galatians 6:9**

# The Joy Set Before Us

- **A Joy that we Can be Confident In**
  - **A Hope that does not Disappoint**
    - **Romans 5:1-5**
  - **This Hope is an Anchor for the Soul**
    - **Hebrews 6:17-19**
  - **God's Promises Will Not Fail**
    - **Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2; 2 Peter 1:4**



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- **A Joy that Inspires us to Endure**
  - **Heb. 12:2; Jam. 1:2-4; 2 Cor. 4:16-18**
    - **Temptations (James 1:12)**
    - **Family Turmoil (Eph. 5:22-33)**
    - **Health Challenges (Mark 5:25-26)**
    - **Church Problems (1 Cor. 1:10-13; 3:3)**
    - **Loss of a Loved One (1 Thess. 4:13-18)**
    - **Trials of the Faith (Romans 8:18)**

# The Joy Set Before Us

- **How to Receive This Joy**
  - **Must be Born Again**
    - **John 3:3-5; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38**
  - **Must Remain Faithful to Christ**
    - **1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10**
    - **2 John 9; 1 Tim. 6:12; Jude 3; Heb. 5:9**

# The Joy Set Before Us

- **The Joy Is Heaven**
- **Do we Keep This Joy Before Us?**
- **Obstacles: Sin, Spiritual Laziness, Weariness**
- **A Joy that we Can be Confident In**
- **A Joy that Inspires us to Endure**
- **Obey the Gospel and Remain Faithful**

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- *“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. **Enter into the joy of your Lord.**”*

– Matthew 25:21



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