



## SERMON NOTES

July 5, 2015

Scripture: Hebrews 12:12-14 (NAS)

Topic: "Perseverance with a Call to Peace and Purity"  
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| 12 | Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. |
| 14 | Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.   |

### **I. FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT**

- A. Not About Winning
- B. It Is About Finishing

### **II. PERSEVERENCE**

- A. God Saves *Philippians 1:6; John 10:27-30; Romans 8:35-39*
- B. Defining The Word "Saves" *Luke 8:15*
- C. Perseverance Does Not Mean We Go On Auto-Pilot *II Peter 1:10-11*
  - 1. Proves the reality of our faith *Hebrews 3:14*
  - 2. Not side-lined by worldly distractions
  - 3. Needs the encouragement of other believers *Isaiah 35:3*
  - 4. Persists in service *I Corinthians 15:58*

### **III. SEEING THE RACE COURSE**

- A. Peace With All Men
  - 1. This involves loving our neighbor *Matthew 22:39*
  - 2. As far as it depends on you *Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18*
  - 3. We cannot compromise God's standards
  - 4. All men inside and outside the church *Luke 6:27-28*
  - 5. Pursue

### **B. Holiness**

- 1. Purity begins in the heart *Matthew 12:34b*
- 2. Cleansing the heart *Psalms 51:7*
- 3. Filling the heart with His holy word *Psalms 119:97; Psalms 1:1,2*

### **C. Our Pursuit Of The Course Proves We Are In The Race**