

Hebrews 2:1-2 NASB

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Philippians 3:13-14

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¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(MSG)

¹³ Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. ¹⁴ I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

I. FOR WHOM WAS THE GOSPEL PREACHED?



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Luke 1:46-53

If you want to see JESUS, you need to WANT HIM and NEED HIM

II. GOD'S GOVERNMENT

Isaiah 9:6-7 NASB

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace

Romans 14:11 NASB

For it is written, " AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."

III. SIMEON and ANNA 1. DEVOUT SIMEON (Luke 2: 25-35) 2. PROPHET ANNA (Luke 2:36-38)

III. SIMEON and ANNA For SIMEON & ANNA? The ultimate life was living for God, loving God, looking to see the Messiah. They came to the TEMPLE to see JESUS! AND THEY SAW HIM!

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- 3. What kind of Church do you want to have?

Joshua 24:15 NASB

¹⁵ "And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."