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Readings: Matthew 7:13-14, 1 Cor. 9:24-27, 2 Tim 4:6-8, Heb 12:1-3

There are great blessings for those who start the Christian race through faith.

If you don't enter the race you won't get the prize. “[Enter ye in at the straight gate](#)” (Matt 7:13). Many on the broad way leading to destruction and only few on narrow way leading to life.

The path begins when we trust the Lord Jesus as our Saviour; on the cross He died that our sins might be forgiven.

You just need to come as you are when you come to the Saviour. You may think that you need to smarten self up but you do not. “Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling”.

Eternal life is a free gift through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must stick to the rules - “[Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path](#)” (Psalm 119:105)

Everyone of us is guaranteed a prize, there is no disappointments for those who trust the Lord Jesus.

What is the cost of it? It is beyond price – It needed the Lord Jesus Christ to come to procure it.

“[Redeemed not with corruptible things as silver and gold but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ](#)” (1 Peter 1:19)

The Christian life is a marathon race. One day the race will finish, when our earthly life is over. We can look back and see the witnesses to us, the heroes of faith who have gone before. God is still the same.

We can look forward to a hope, a day of glory, a future blessing. The Christian hope is a certainty, a guaranteed expectation.

We can look up to the author and finisher. He began and He finished the work. He was “[obedient unto death even the death of the cross](#)” (Phil. 2:8)

It is important to trust Christ, confess sin and ask Him to be your Saviour.