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Friday Night Bible Study, Pilgrim's Progress

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Christian Arrives at the Cross

“He Ran Thus”

Hebrews 12:1-2

Are the **FIRST** three words *after the last Statement* in our *opening observations* of Christians journey to Calvary. “HE RAN Thus...” Thus, meaning in this MANNER.

1. ***Up this way therefore did burdened Christian RUN*** – Hab. 2:1-4/Gal. 5:7/2 Tim. 4:7/
Heb. 12:1-2
2. ***But not without great difficulty, because of the Load on his back***. –Matt. 5:3-6/
Ps. 119:23/Jer. 51:31 – (45) to 50 Run... –Prov. 18:10
3. Till he came at a place *somewhat ascending*, and upon that place *stood a Cross*, and a little below, in the bottom, a Sepulcher. – Gal. 3:10, 14
4. So I saw in my dream, That just as Christian *came up with the Cross*, his Burden loosed from off his shoulders, and fell from off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do, till it came to the mouth of the Sepulcher, where it fell in, and I saw it no more. – 1 Cor. 2:2-4
5. Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said with a merry heart, He has given me rest by His sorrow, and life by His death. – Matt. 11:28/Hos. 11:1-4
6. Then he stood still a while to look and wonder; for it was very surprising to him, that the sight of the Cross should thus ease him of his Burden. – Is. 53:4-6 vs 9, 12
7. He looked therefore, and looked again, even till the springs that were in his head sent the waters down his cheeks. – Zech. 12:10
8. Now, as he stood looking and weeping, behold three Shining Ones came to him and saluted him, with peace be to you; – Is. 26:1-4 Perseverance to Peace-Power of gospel

- a. So the first said to him, Your sins are forgiven; – Luke 24:44-49 Declaration of Power
- b. The Second stripped him of his rags, and clothed him with change of raiment;
– Zech. 3:1-5/Is. 61:10/2 Cor. 5:20-21 Transformation of Status and character!
- c. The third also set a Mark on his forehead, – Ezek. 9:1-4, 11/Eph. 1:13
- d. And gave him a Roll, with a Seal upon it, – Is. 8:13-18; 29:9-14/Matt. 13:13-17
- e. Which bid him look on as he ran, – Heb. 12:1-2/Acts 26:19
- f. And that he should give it in at the Celestial Gate; – 2 Pet. 1:1-11 (10)
- g. So they went their way.
- h. Then Christian gave three leaps of Joy, and went on singing:

Thus far did I come laden with my Sin;
Nor could ought ease the grief that I was in,
Till I came hither: What a place is this!
Must here be the beginning of my bliss?
Must here the Burden fall from off my back?
Must here the strings that bound me crack?
Blest Cross! blest Sepulchre! blest rather be
The Man that there was put to Shame for me!