



## Scriptures

### 2014: Celebrate The Church Triumphant !

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." – Jesus (Matthew 16:18)

#### This Month: The Church Task

"A curse on him who is lax in doing the Lord's work." (Jer. 48:10)

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

<sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch." (Mark 13: 33-34)

"I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." (Acts 20: 24-25)

"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task.

<sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor." (1 Cor. 3:5-8)

#### Today: The Church Totally (Committed)

A curse on anyone who is lax in doing the LORD's work!

(Jeremiah 48:10a)

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be My disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14: 26-27)

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (John 19:30)

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Philippians 1: 20-21)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12: 1-3)

### 2014 Theme: Celebrate The Church Triumphant!

#### February Theme: THE CHURCH'S TASK

(Now, more than ever, The Church must be about the work of the Lord in this world.)

##### Today's Message:

#### "The Church Totally (Committed)"

Half - hearted commitment doesn't conquer sin or win Super Bowls.

##### 1. Total surrender in order to follow.

(Jeremiah 48:10a; Luke 14: 26-27; 18:22; Mark 10:28)

Priorities are a priority.

##### 2. Total commitment in order to finish.

(John 4:34; 19:30; Acts 20: 24-25; 1 Cor. 3:8; Phil. 1:20-21)

Purpose is our perspective.

##### 3. Total fixation in order to keep focused.

(Galatians 6:9; Heb. 12:1-3; II Timothy 4:7; James 1:2-4)

Perseverance leads to perfection.

What on earth are we doing for heaven's sake?