



The Great Race

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"Introduction, Part 1"

The Metaphor of A Race

Paul's use:

-1 Corinthians 9:24-27

-Galatians 2:1-2, 5:7

-2 Timothy 2:5, 4:7-8

Jewish Attitude Toward "The Games"

They were an...

Why?

Yet...historian Josephus notes that King Herod built a theatre in Jerusalem and an amphitheater (hippodrome) near Jerusalem. (Both can be seen today at Caesarea Maritima.)

Why Would Paul Use This Metaphor?

1. It _____ with his Gentile audience.
2. Our faith journey _____ the metaphor:
 - We are _____ NOT spectators.
 - We, too, have a " _____ " to run.
 - We, too, have a " _____ " line to reach.

However...

Our race is _____ run for the prize of our salvation.

Our race is _____ run _____ other believers.

We run the race _____ them!

Some Questions to Ask Ourselves: