

WELCOME

VISITORS

The presence of Jesus in the gathering of His people is the sweetest blessing we enjoy when we meet. We pray that you will find peace, comfort, and power for living today.

A visitor's card is provided in the book rack, to give us a record of your visit.

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</u>	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	27
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	17
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	19
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$ 848.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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BRUNSWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Disqualified
By Ron Bartanen

In recent years there has been a shocking number of sports-figures that have achieved great and enviable success in their field, but have unfortunately sought to enhance their performance through the use of steroids, thus violating the rules of the game. These have brought upon themselves disgrace and disqualification. An example would be a runner that would cross the finish line before his competitors, but, nevertheless, would not receive an award when the judges are informed that he did not abide by the rules.

It is even more sad that many seek to run the Christian race while ignoring the rules. The apostle Paul illustrated this when he wrote, "If a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully" (2 Timothy 2:5). King Solomon warned, "There shall be no reward to the evil man: the candle of the wicked shall be put out." Jesus warned those who paraded their religion to be seen by men, that they already had their reward—the praise of men—and needed to expect none from the Father (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18).

One may even be ever so religious, moral and devoted to some church all his days, and yet miss the crown of glory awarded the faithful. To those who were straying from apostolic teachings and embracing a pseudo-spirituality, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Let no man beguile you of your reward" (Colossians 2:18a). As Paul neared the end of his time of service in this world he wrote, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

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