

“The Lord, The Righteous Judge”

Intro: While numerous commentaries and biographies have been written concerning the life of the Apostle _____ we find in II Tim. 4:6-8 his commentary on his own life. In three consecutive verses Paul writes of his _____ addressing the present (v. 6), the past (v. 7) and the future (v. 8).

A. Though Paul faces martyrdom we read not of one who fears and laments but of one who has finished the race and _____ anticipates receiving the victor’s crown!

I. The _____.

A. Paul so urgently pressed this letter upon Timothy knowing his life was being _____ as an drink offering.

B. Paul regarded his fast approaching martyrdom as he regarded his life: to be _____ and laid down unto God as a sacrifice of _____.

C. Paul knew his time on earth was short. To him his coming _____ was the perishable putting on the imperishable, and the mortal putting on the immortal. His martyrdom was no defeat but that means by which he would come into his _____ in the presence of Christ.

II. The _____.

A. Paul spent his life warring for Christ and against whatever is anti-christ. Such a life is a _____ - _____ life of sacrifice. Don’t you waste your life! Fight the good fight!

B. Paul spent his life fulfilling the calling of Christ. As the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable, it is the duty and privilege of every believer to _____ out their days _____ to God.

C. Paul fought the good fight and finished the course ____ keeping the _____.

1. We faithfully fight the good fight and finish our course only as we _____ the _____. It is by faith in Christ, His promises and by His grace that we endure to the end. We fight the good fight and finish our course _____ faith in _____ who strengthens us!

III. The _____.

A. The promise of an _____ crown of everlasting righteousness outweighs the momentary hardships of fighting the good fight, finishing the course, and keeping faith. Who would not sacrifice the life they cannot keep to obtain the _____ they cannot lose?

B. The Lord _____ our Savior and righteous Judge will Himself award His faithful ones on that day! And His _____ will ring for all eternity: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord!"

C. The promise of heaven and heavenly reward is for all who lovingly _____ in Jesus. Have you surrendered your life to _____? Do you love Him? Do you long to see Him? His crown of life is for only those who love His appearing.

Closing: What will be the chronicle of your life? Will you waste your life in search of ease and self-gratification? Or as Paul will you by _____ _____ come to the time of your departure able to say, "I have fought the good fight! I have finished the course! I have kept the faith! And there is my Jesus! My _____ and Rewarder! Oh! I want to see Him!"

Jesus said, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of _____"
(Rev 2:10).

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