

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

“Paul’s Confidence In
Facing Death”
(2 Timothy 4:6-8)



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- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace in the midst of trials, staying true to the scriptures (1:2,3).
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost" (1:8-12)
- Hold Fast The Pattern (1:13,14)
- Disloyalty vs. Friendship (1:15-18)
- Grace Includes Keeping Rules! (2:1-7)
- Need Endurance & Faithfulness (2:8-13)
- Workers Approved & Honorable Vs. Rejected & Devil Enslaved (2:14-26).

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■ CHAPTER 3

- ▶ (1) Warning of future Perilous Times (3:1-9)
- ▶ (2) Paul—An Example of Endurance (3:10-13);
- ▶ (3) The Scriptures—Our Safeguard (3:14-17).

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■ CHAPTER 4

- ▶ (1) Paul's Final Charge to Timothy - His Duty As A Preacher (4:1-5)
- ▶ (2) Paul's Triumph & Farewell (4:6-8)
- ▶ (3) Personal Matters (4:9-22).

2 Timothy 4:6–8 (NKJV)

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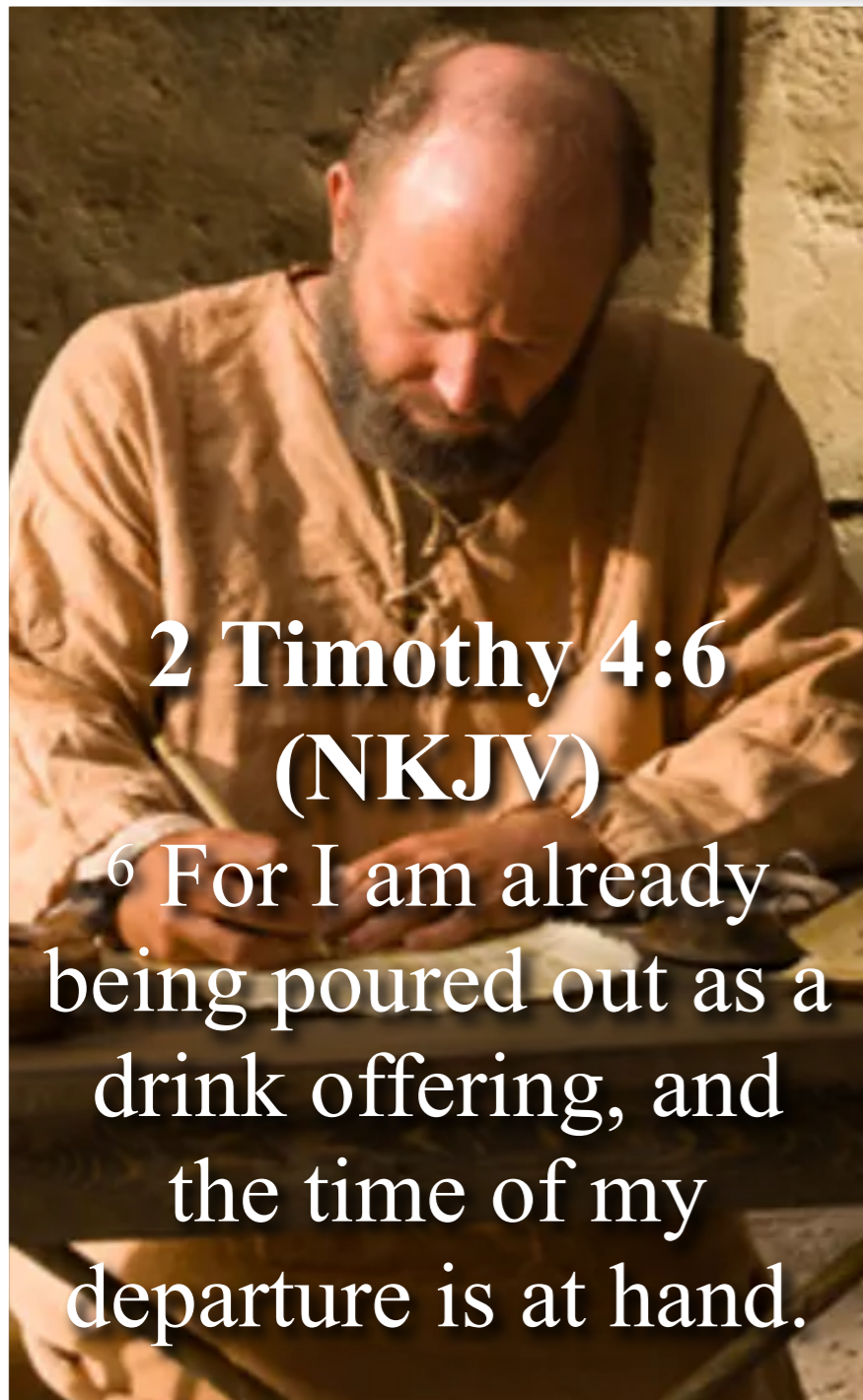
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- The Bible is silent regarding the death of the apostle Paul...
- "The tradition is...that Paul, as a Roman citizen, was beheaded on the Ostian Road just outside of Rome." - ISBE
- "We have the concurrent testimony of ecclesiastical antiquity, that he was beheaded at Rome, by Nero ... A.D. 67 or 68." - Smith
- The Bible does reveal Paul's anticipation of death - He knew it was imminent & he expressed a strong confidence in spite of his demise (2Ti 4:7-8,18)

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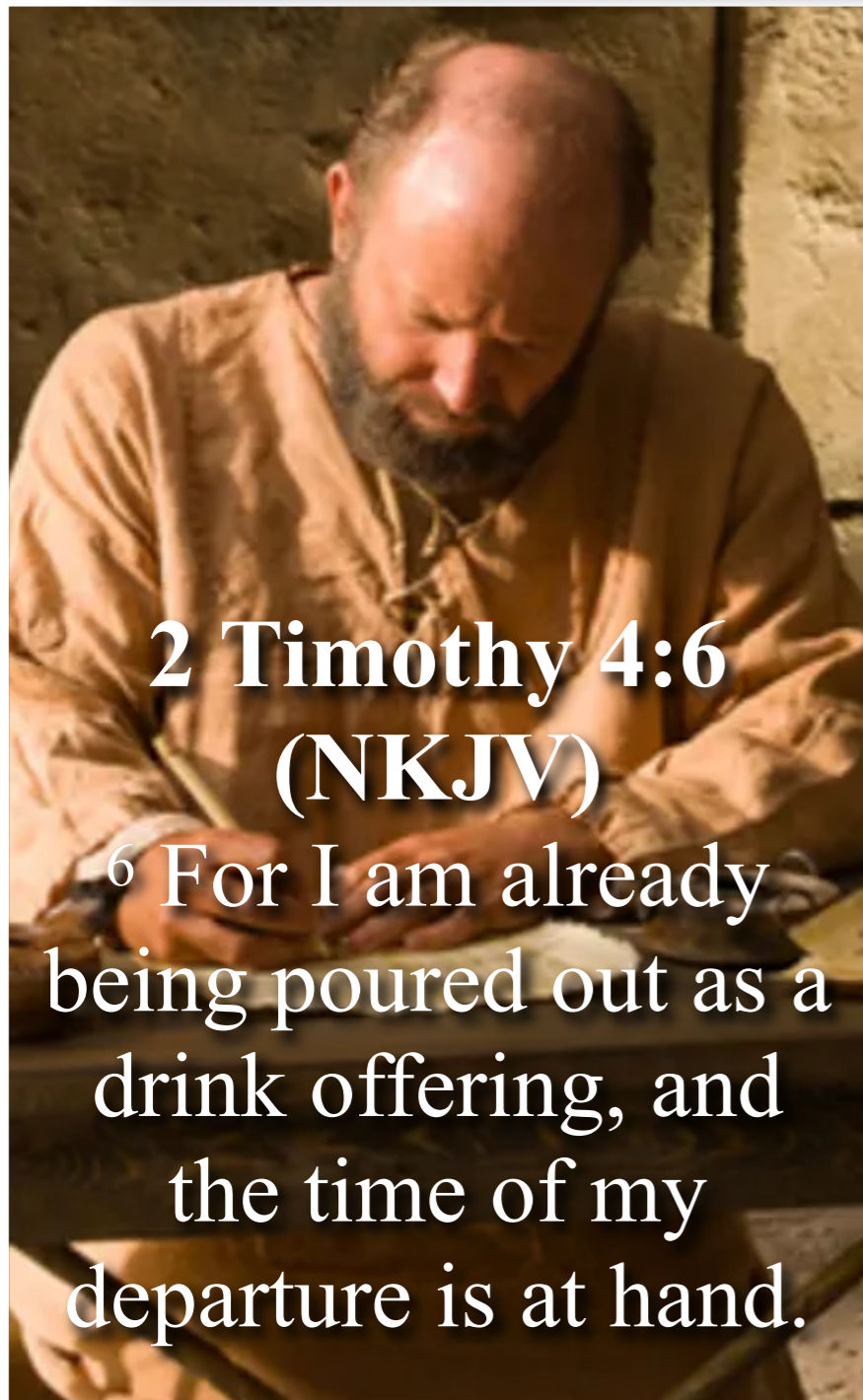
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- “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering:” — Paul viewed his death now as certain. The sentence has been issued.
- “**offered**” (spendomai) the term refers figuratively to the drink offering of the OT sacrifices (Num. 15:1-10; 28:4-8).
- Paul used this same term in Phil. 2:17 where he says, “if I am being poured out *as a drink offering* on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.” (cf. Rom. 12:1,2)

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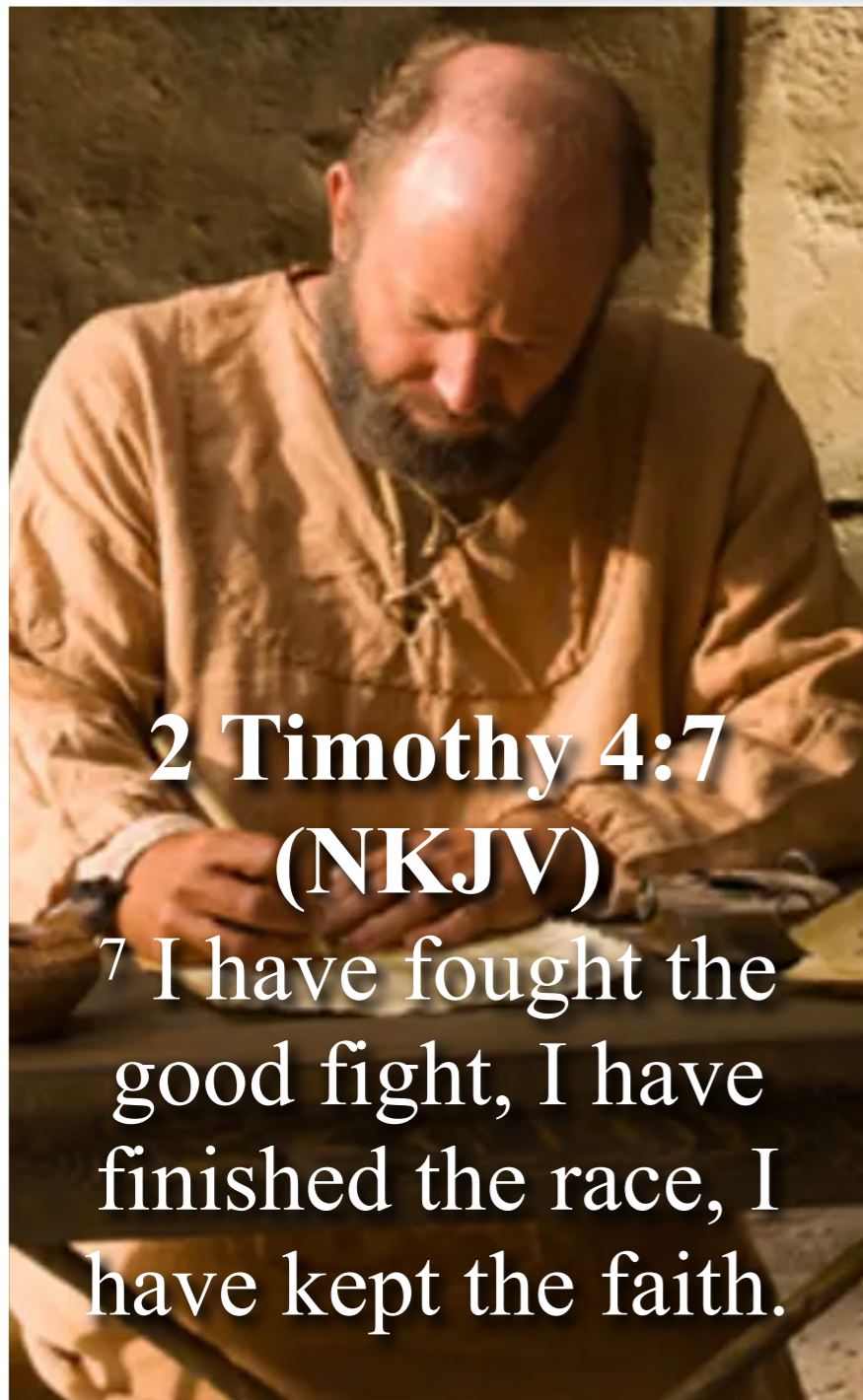
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- “**Departure**” (analysis) “a metaphor drawn from loosing from moorings preparatory to setting sail” - Thayer
- Paul is ready to unloose from all earthly ties, and set sail for the eternal shore.
- Paul saw death as a means to “magnify Christ,” and states - “For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.” ... “and having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better.” (Phil. 1:20,21,23).
- Paul had lived for this moment!

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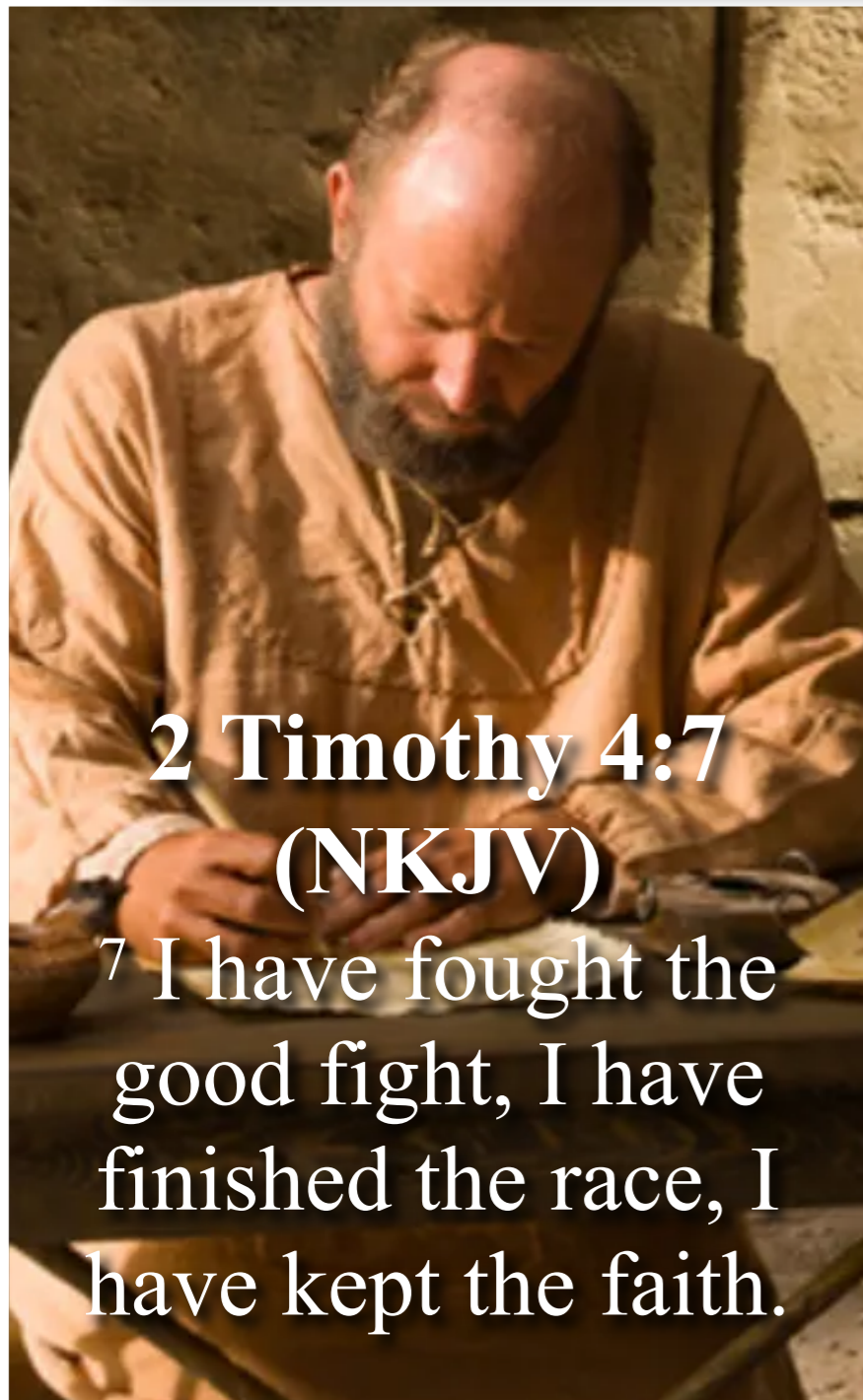
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■ “I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT”

- With these words Paul begins a retrospective view of his life. — Metaphorically, he views himself as a soldier, an athlete, and one faithful to a trust—a steward. (cf. 2:2-6)
- Paul unashamedly affirms he lived a militant life, and exhorted Timothy to do the same, “fight the good fight of faith” (1 Tim. 6:12).
- All who follow Christ have been called into battle (Ep 6:11-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:3, 4)

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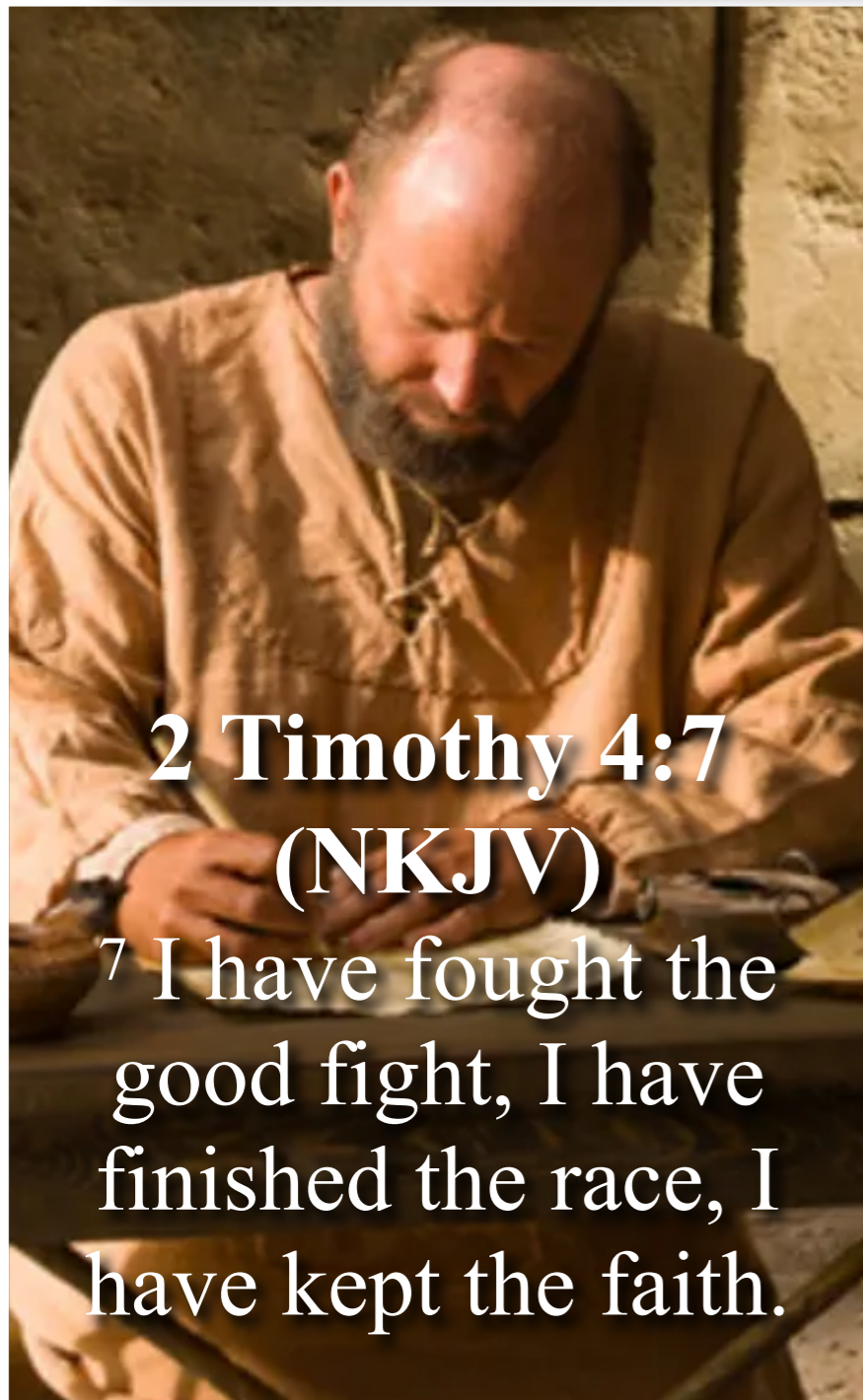


■ “I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE”

- ◆ The Christian life is often pictured as a race. Paul also used this metaphor frequently (cf. 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 12:1, 2).
- ◆ In our text Paul emphasizes the fact that he finished his race — He had not given up, but pressed on to the goal (Php 3:13-14).
- ◆ Paul was ready to cross the finish line a winner. His retrospective view gives him unspeakable joy. (Heb. 12:1,2)

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■ “I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH”

- Paul had been entrusted with a treasure more precious and valuable than human ability can fully comprehend, namely, the faith, which is the same as the “gospel,” the “word,” the “truth” (Acts 6:7; 1 Pet. 1:25; Jude 3).
- He “kept it” by preaching and practicing it in its purity, without compromising with the doctrines, opinions, likes and dislikes of men (Gal. 1:6-10; 1 Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 2:2).

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- “FINALLY, THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME THE CROWN ...”
- ◆ “**Finally**” (loipon) — “as Heb. 10:13. The work of conflict being over, it only remains to receive the crown.” P.C.
- ◆ “**crown**” (stephanos) “denotes the victor’s crown, the symbol of triumph ...” (1Co 9:24-25)
- ◆ Paul now looks prospectively to “what remains,” namely, receiving the eternal reward — eternal LIFE. (James 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 2:10).

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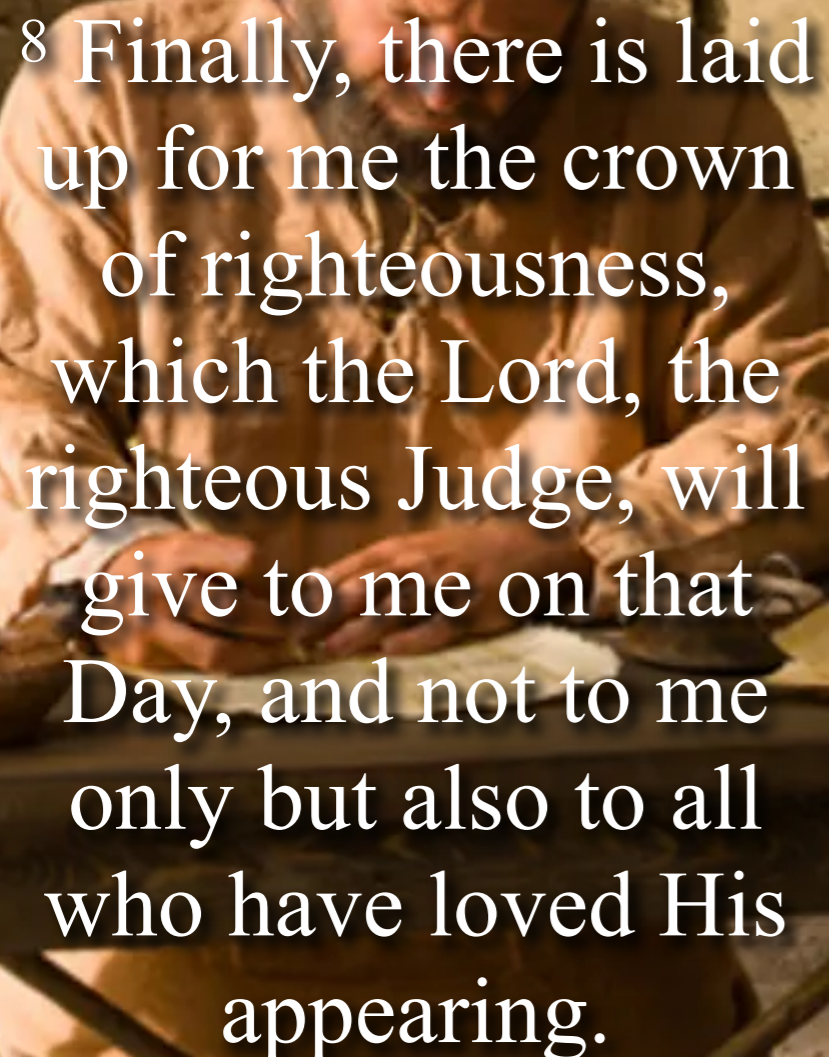
■ “**Crown of righteousness**” (dikaios) — the heavenly reward that would be given to him due to his faith, through which he was counted as righteous (Rom. 4:3-8; 5:17, 18; 1 Pet. 1:3-7; Rev. 2:10).

■ Paul's faithfulness did NOT earn his reward, (Ep. 2:8,9), but he would not have been “counted” righteous and would not receive it had he been unfaithful (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

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■ “WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE ...”

- ◆ “**the Lord**” — Jesus Christ, the Son of God will judge all men (John 5:22; Acts 17:31; Ro. 2:16; 2 Co. 5:10; 2 Tim. 4:1).
- ◆ “**The righteous Judge**” — His judgment is righteous; he has never been wrong, nor indeed can he be. He will judge men according to His words (John 12:48; Mat. 25:31-46)
- ◆ “**On that Day**” — the LAST day (1:12; John 5:28,29; John 6:39,40; 44; 11:24–26; 12:48; 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thes. 1:7-9)

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■ “ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING ...”

■ “**Also to all**” — This crown is for all who “fight the good fight,” who “finish the course,” who “keep the faith,” and who love his appearing (Rom. 8:17,18, 28-39; 1 Pet. 1:3-7; 2 Pet. 1:5-10)

■ “**Have loved His appearing**” — Those who strive faithfully for the crown look forward to receiving it (Ro. 8:23; 2 Co. 5:2; 1 Th. 1:10; Tit. 2:13; He. 9:28).

■ Thus, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on” (Rev. 14:13)

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The Books of

1-2 Timothy, Titus, & Philemon

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“Paul has known victory before, but none comparable to that which is now his. He reflects on a life of spending and being spent for Christ’s sake. He has known a few mountain top experiences of unspeakable joy, but most of his time has been down in the valley of perils, sorrow, and suffering, some of which cost him indescribable pain. His retrospective view now begets a joyful anticipation of the heavenly reward—an eternal “crown of righteousness” that surpasses any and all rewards earth has to offer.”

[Marshal Patton; 1-2 Tim., Titus, & Phile. pg. 225]

Paul's Triumph & Farewell



Will we at life's end be able to look back at a fight well done — having fought the good fight of faith, laying hold on eternal life? (1Tim. 6:12)

Will we at life's end be able to look back at a race well run — completing the race of faith set before us? (Hebrews 12:1)

Will we at life's end be able to look back on a faith that has been kept? Holding fast to the words of eternal life in the gospel of Jesus Christ? (Luke 8:15)

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Philippians 1:20–26 (NKJV)

²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. ²² But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better. ²⁴ Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. ²⁵ And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶ that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.