

# Closing Credits: A Life Fully Lived for Christ

What you want to say at the end of your life 2 Timothy 4:7–8 part 2 Chris Mueller 2-17-2019

## Introduction:

2 Corinthians 5:8 to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

## #1 THE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE which Paul is prepared for 6

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

## #2 THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURSE which Paul was faithful to 7

Romans 14:10c For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith

### 1<sup>st</sup> I have fought the good fight

Ephesians 6:12 against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places

Romans 8:37 in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us

Matthew 6:33 seek first His kingdom and His righteousness

### 2<sup>nd</sup> I have finished the course

Hebrews 12:1 Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> I have kept the faith

### #3 THE \_\_\_\_\_ REWARD which Paul is hoping for 8

8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> The future Reward for \_\_\_\_\_ 8a

8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day

1 Peter 5:4 = the crown of glory

James 1:12 = the crown of life

Philippians 4:1 = the soul winner's crown

Revelation 2:10 = the martyr's crown

1 John 3:7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous

Revelation 19:8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> The future Reward for \_\_\_\_\_ 8b

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Timothy 4:8b not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

John Calvin Believers who are devoted to the world, who love this fleeting life, are not motivated by the coming of Christ.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

#### A – To fulfill your ministry, be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy

2 Timothy 1:12b I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

#### B – To fulfill your ministry, your race has a \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 9:22 I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. 23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel... 24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God... 33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved.

#### C –To fulfill your ministry, you must be \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

John 19:30b "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

#### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why should a genuine Christian look forward to death?
2. Why does Paul talk about his life as a fight and a racecourse?
3. How are rewards a motivation for the Christian life?
4. What changes do most Christians need to make in order to fulfill their ministry like Paul talks about here?
5. What holds Christians back from ministering for Christ like Paul and Timothy did?
6. What will it take for believers to battle the enemy with purpose?
7. What steps do you need to take in order to live a life fully for Christ?

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