

Paul's Terminal Perspectives (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

- Timothy must preach the word not only because apostasy is coming
- He must preach the word for soon Paul will depart to be with Christ
- This brief paragraph vv.6-8: glorious declaration of personal triumph
- Some say: Paul's valedictory speech to his son in the faith, Timothy

I. Faith's Eternal Perspective/ Assessment on the Present (4:6)

- Present reality, *Paul's imminent death*: "poured out as drink offering"
(drink offering at foot of the altar: Ex 29:40; Lev 23:13; Numb 15:1-12)
- In Philippians Paul expressed his heart on the matter very clearly (1:23)

II. Faith's Eternal Perspective & Assessment of the Past (4:7)

- *The fight of faith*: "I have fought the good fight, ... I have kept the faith"
- *The race*: I have finished the race – "I have completed my course"
Acts 9:15, 16; Heb 12:1; Acts 20:24
- Paul is passing the baton on to Timothy (1 Tim 6:20; 2 Tim 1:14)
- Paul: I have kept the faith, I kept it pure, I preached it, I lived it...

III. Faith's Exultation in Perspective for the Future (v.8)

- Paul's crown: crown of the righteous, righteous judge: Jesus Himself
- Paul had Christ's imputed righteousness: now - *crown of righteousness*
- Through bars Paul saw the future & looked to Christ the morning star
- *Our crown*: not just for Paul but for all who "love His appearing"
- All who trust Christ – look forward to their "blessed hope in Christ"