

In the closing verses of his last letter, Paul summons Timothy to himself and uses the language of Psalm 22 to describe his last trial and final deliverance.

- I. The Last Command: Come to Me (4:9-14, 21; 1:4)
 - A. Paul and His Fellow Workers (4:9-15, 20-21)
 - B. Paul Requests His Cloak and Books (4:13)
 - C. The Opposition of Alexander (4:14-15; 1 Tim 1:20; Ps 28:4; Rom 2:6)

- II. Paul's Last Trial (4:16-18; Psalm 22)
 - A. Paul Deserted by Man but Strengthened by Christ (4:16-17a; Ps 22:1; Mk 15:34; Ps 22:11, 19; Acts 23:11; Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60)
 - B. Paul Fulfills His Mission to the Nations (4:17; 4:7; Acts 9:15)
 - C. Paul Looks to His Final Deliverance (4:18; Ps 22:4-5, 8, 20-21; Matt 27:43)

- III. The Closing Greetings and Twofold Benediction (4:19-22)

Reflection Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. Why does Paul summon Timothy to himself?
2. Why does Paul use the language of Psalm 22 to describe his trial and his heavenly hope? What can we learn from the example of how this Psalm has shaped his prayers and his interpretation of his circumstances?
3. What can we learn from all Paul's friends and coworkers mentioned in the final section of this letter?