

“Letters to Timothy” (Part 7)
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2 Tim. 4:6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

As Paul is wrapping up his letter, his final words focus upon the NEW LIFE he will soon receive.

Death is **not** the end of the road. It is the “departure” from earthly life, meaning it is the beginning of a new journey!

John 5:24

Jesus said, “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”

2 Tim. 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

The fight *against* Satan and *for* the souls of people has been fought and won.

The race of following Jesus has been run with perseverance.

The faith, which receives God’s grace, will now be replaced by sight.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

2 Tim. 4:8 Now there is in store 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 longed for His appearing.

The righteous Judge will award the crown of victory that Jesus alone has earned. This gift will be presented to all who are united to Christ in faith.

Revelation 2:10

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”

2 Tim. 4:16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **17** But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Even though many people abandoned Paul in his hour of need, the Lord stood by his side and gave Paul what He also gives us:

1. The ability to forgive those who have wronged us.
2. Strength to proclaim Jesus to all who will listen.
3. Deliverance from the attacks of the devil, the “roaring lion” (1 Peter 5:8).
4. Safe passage from this earthly shore to the kingdom that awaits us!