

PAUL'S FINAL SACRIFICE
(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

I. Exhortations To Steadfast Service For Christ (1:3-2:26)

II. Exhortations To Sound Doctrine (3:1-4:5)

III. Exhortations To _____ (4:6-18)

A. Paul's Departure Was _____ (4:6-8)

1. Paul's personal _____ of his _____ situation (4:6)
 - a. The present tense of the phrase, "*I am already being poured out*" indicates that the process had _____; he knew he was going to give his _____ in service for His Lord.
 - But what did Paul mean by being "*poured out as a drink offering*"?
 - According to scripture the "*drink offering*" was the _____ preformed in an OT blood sacrifice. (Num. 15:1-10; cf. Num. 28:4-7; Phil. 2:17)

*It symbolized = 1)

2)

- b. In v. 6 there seems to be a conscious effort by Paul to _____ Timothy's _____ to _____ the words of the letter to the Philippians (1:28; 2:17), of which Timothy was his companion & probably his personal secretary recording the epistle.
- c. The apostle did not view this as an _____ by the emperor as much as he did a _____ to his Savior, as he had willingly offered this his _____ since his conversion. (Rom. 12:1-2)
- d. The time of his "*departure was at hand*," meant what was once a serious _____ back when he wrote Philippians, was now an absolute _____ that was about to transpire.
- e. The word "*departure*" here, was used of hoisting the anchor of a ship that was about to _____.
- f. Paul viewed his death as another _____ that he was about to embark on, which is proof of how little he _____ death.

2. Paul's personal _____ of his _____ life (4:7)

- The apostle now reviewed his past life, and he described it with _____ concise statements ...
 - 1) "I _____ *the good fight*" (perf/mid.dep/indic) Is how Paul described his never ending strenuous struggle against the forces of _____, against false teachings and, against the nagging _____ to _____ God's truth!
 - 2) "I _____ *the race*" (perf/act/indic) indicating that his eye had been constantly fixed on the goal of his race. So he put all of his energy into _____, in order to win the _____. (Acts 20:24; Philip. 3:13-14; 2 Tim. 2:5)
 - 3) "I _____ *the faith*" (perf/act/indic) indicated the fact that he had guarded the _____ of the gospel against perversion, and it had _____ him dearly.

3. Paul's personal _____ of his _____ expectation (4:8)

- a. As the apostle turned his eyes towards the future, he most definitely did not view _____ as the bitter end, but rather he looked forward to it as a _____ he was just _____ (4:8a)
- b. With his "*fight*" and "*race*" now completed, he was looking forward to his _____ - the "*_____*." (4:8b)
- c. This victory prize would be handed out not at _____, but at the Bema Seat, by none other than the "*_____ Judge*", occurring _____ the _____. (2 Tim. 4:1, 8c)
- d. Thankfully, we are informed that this crown is not exclusive to Paul alone, but it is available to _____ who anticipate his appearing at the _____. (4:8d)

* How can you apply this marvelous truth?