



2 Timothy 4

Not Condemnation but Evaluation

- There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1, NKJV).
- Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life (John 5:24, NASB).
- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil (2 Cor. 5:10, ESV; 1 Cor. 3:10-15) .

Bema Seat in Athens



Preach the Word (4:2)

Romans 10:13-14, 17

“Everyone who calls on the name of the lord will be saved.” How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Preach the Word (4:2)

- 2 Timothy 3:15—From childhood Timothy had “known the sacred writings which are able to give [him] the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17—“All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.”
- Acts 20:27, “I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God” (ESV).

Know the Word (3:16-17)

- It’s dangerous for us to be ignorant of any part of the Bible.
- Matthew Henry said, “We shall not only be called into account for the truth that we knew & did not apply, but for the truth we might have known & did not come to know.”

Rejection of Sound Doctrine (4:3-4)

- Desire for pleasant, entertaining services & short, shallow sermons that make people feel good (health, wealth, social justice)
- No desire to grapple with difficult, but biblical topics (hell, immorality, deviance, salvation by grace through faith and not by works)
- Being easily offended when they don’t like what’s preached (even though it’s God’s truth)

Rejection of Sound Doctrine (4:3-4)

- Leaving the church & looking for one with teaching that they like better or resorting to livestream services only (if they continue in church at all)
- Becoming troublemakers if they do stay (no submission to biblical authority)
- Generally, pleasing self, not God

Paul's Farewell (4:6-8)

- Present (4:6)—being poured out as a drink offering & departing
- Past (4:7)—good fight fought, race finished, faith kept
- Future (4:8)—receiving the crown of righteousness

Poured Out as a Drink Offering

- Paul saw his life as a “living sacrifice” (Rom. 12:1) and his death as the final act of that sacrifice.
- The pouring of wine in OT sacrifices looked forward to Jesus’s pouring out His blood to pay for our sins.
- At the Last Supper, Jesus “took the cup . . . and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you’” (Luke 22:20).



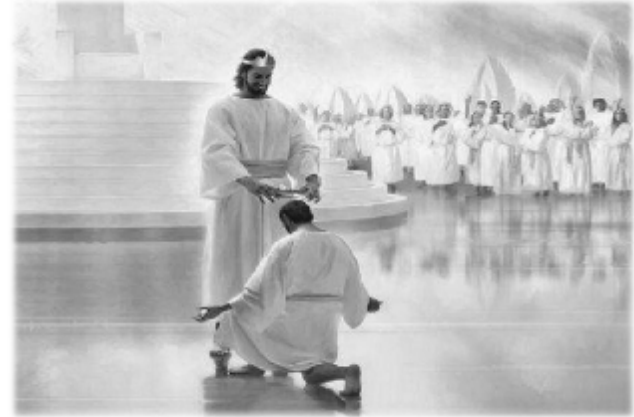
The grand fight I have fought,
the race I have finished,
the faith I have kept (4:7).

Paul's Faithful Finish (4:7)

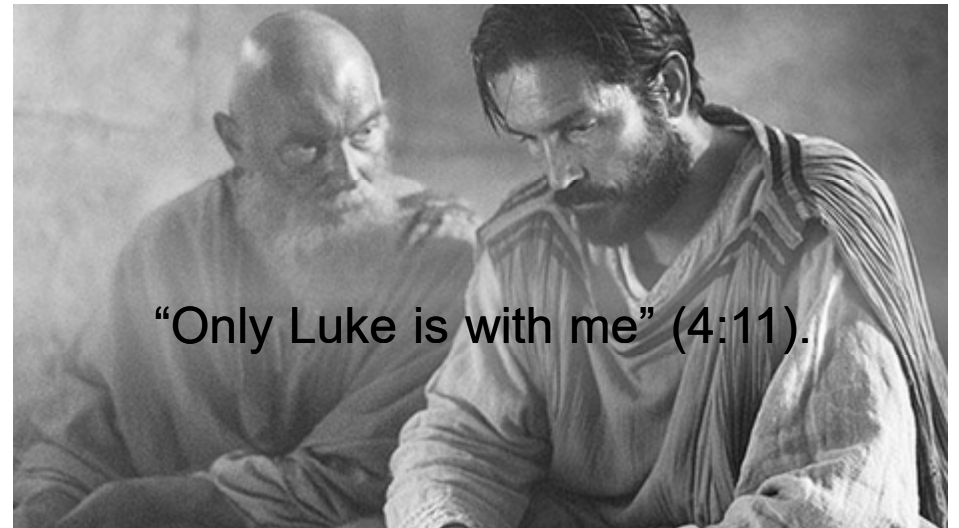


- But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24, NKJV).
- By God's grace, Paul remained faithful to the end.

Paul's Crown of Righteousness (4:8)



1. The incorruptible crown or the victor's crown (1 Cor. 9:24-27)
2. The crown of life or the martyr's crown (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10)
3. The crown of glory or the elder's crown (1 Pet. 5:1-4)
4. The crown of rejoicing or the soulwinner's crown (1 Thes. 2:19)
5. The crown of righteousness or the watcher's crown (2 Tim. 4:8)



Cloak / Paenula (4:13)



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No one stood by me (4:16)

“The Lord . . . will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom” (4:18).



Final Thoughts

- Are you living by God's grace in a way that will result in rewards when you stand at the *bema* (the Judgment Seat of Christ)? (4:8)
- Are you seeking to know God's Word as thoroughly as you can? (3:16-17)
- Do you know God's will for you, and are you pursuing it in His strength? (4:5)
- Do you pray that the Lord will help you to be faithful to the end? (4:7)

Final Thoughts

- Are you able to face death with confidence that the Lord will take you to heaven? (4:18)
- 1 John 5:11-13—"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life."