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All Who Have Loved His Appearing

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Being Poured Out

A CHRISTIAN IS A SACRIFICE

- *“I am to be poured out as a drink offering” (Phil. 2:17)*
- **Reference to the Old Testament drink offering**
 - A sacrifice to God’s faithfulness (Num. 15:1-5)
 - A complete devotion or giving over to the Lord
- **We are to be completely *“poured out”***
 - Completely given over to the Lord
 - Completely devoted to the Lord
- *“present your bodies as a living sacrifice...”*
(Rom. 12:1)

My Departure Has Come

A CHRISTIAN IS A PILGRIM

- “*departure*” - to untie the moorings of a ship and head out to sea
- **Have we cut earthly ties and set out for heaven?**
- **Paul knew where he was headed...**
 - *“But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to **depart** and be with Christ, for that is very much better” (Phil. 1:23)*
- **Where are we headed?**
- **Are we really “*just a passin’ through*”?**

Fought the Good Fight

A CHRISTIAN IS A SOLDIER

- *“fight”* - contest, struggle; English *“agonize”*
- **We are to be militant too (1 Tim. 6:12)**
- **We are at war (Eph. 6:10ff)**
 - We are to *make every effort* (Lk. 13:24) *struggle* (Col. 1:29) *wrestle* (Col. 4:12) & *strive* (1 Tim. 4:10)
- **Our enemies and weapons are not carnal**
 - But we have enemies and a weapon
 - *“We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God”* (2 Cor. 10:5)

Finished The Race

A CHRISTIAN IS AN ATHLETE

- “*race*” - a race-course (track); course (NASB)
- **We have to be disciplined**
 - We have to train (**1 Cor. 9:25; 1 Tim. 4:8**)
 - We have to follow the rules (**2 Tim. 2:5**)
- **We have to press on to the tape**
 - *“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”* (**Phil. 3:13-14**)

Kept the Faith

A CHRISTIAN IS A GUARD

- *“kept”* - to guard; to watch over; keep intact
- **Paul kept intact *“the”* faith**
 - Not a reference to personal faith
- **The objective body of teaching / doctrine**
 - The faith delivered once for all (**Jude 3**)
- **We dare not compromise *“the”* faith**
 - *“not to teach any different doctrine”* (**1 Tim. 1:3**)
 - *“some will depart from the faith”* (**1 Tim. 4:1**)
 - *“Follow the pattern of sound words”* (**2 Tim. 1:13**)
 - ... in faith, in love, in Christ Jesus

Crown of Righteousness

A CHRISTIAN IS A VICTOR

- “*crown*” - a garland wreath crown awarded to the victor
- ***“They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever” (1 Cor. 9:25)***
 - A crown of life (Jas. 1:12)
 - A crown of glory (1 Pet. 5:4)
 - A crown that no one can take (Rev. 3:11)
- A crown reserved not just for Paul...

All Who Have Loved His Appearing

- Love enough to **sacrifice**
- Love enough to **press on to heaven**
- Love enough to **fight**
- Love enough to **stay disciplined**
- Love enough to **guard**

- He will **appear a second time**

All Who Have Loved His Appearing

“... so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”

(Heb. 9:28)

- **Are you eagerly waiting for Him?**

