

# “Ready to Be Offered”

2 Tim. 4:6-8 [KJV]

## Introduction:

- A. Paul expresses more than mere readiness to die - ready to be sacrificed for Christ.
- B. Paul calmly speaks of the nearness of his death. (cf. Phil. 1:21-24).
- C. Paul gives three *grounds* for his calmness and confidence in the face of death.

## Discussion:

### I. The Lord He Would Face (v. 8).

- A. A righteous Judge (v. 8).
- B. A willing Savior. (cf. 2 Pet. 3:9).
- C. A faithful helper. (1 Cor. 10:13).
- D. An able keeper. (2 Tim. 1:12).

### II. The Life He Had Lived (v. 7)

- A. He had been baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3,4; Acts 22:16)
- B. He had fought a good fight.
  - 1. Against error and for truth (Acts 20:28-31; Gal. 2:5; 1 Tim. 1:3)
  - 2. Against personal discouragement (2 Cor. 11:23-33)
  - 3. Against fleshly weaknesses (1 Cor. 9:27).
- C. He had finished his course (race) (cf. Heb. 12:1).
- D. He had kept the faith (cf. Gal. 2:16, 20)
  - 1. Not perfect (cf. Phil. 3:12)
  - 2. But, faithful.
  - 3. Knew he stood by grace (Rom. 5:2)

### III. The Crown He Was Promised (v. 8).

- A. This crown was a sure thing with Paul.
- B. This crown was a victory crown.
- C. This crown is also called the “crown of life” (Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10).
  - 1. Eternal life away from all the problems of this life (cf. Rev. 21:1-4)
  - 2. Eternal life in heaven with God, Christ and all the saved (Rev. 21:22-27)

## Conclusion:

- 1. Death and judgment are certain. (Heb. 9:27).
  - a. Can you view judgement with any degree of confidence?
  - b. Do you have any good reasons to view it with confidence?
- 2. Death and judgment was no real threat to Paul, what about you?