

Series Title:

“Passing the Torch of Truth”
(An Exposition of the Book of II Timothy)

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Sermon Title:

“Living In The Shadow Of Death”
(Part 1)

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Sermon Text:

II Timothy 4:6-8

Introduction:

“With the finish line of his life and ministry well in sight, in fewer than 75 words, Paul sums up his impending death, his dynamic life, and his eternal hope.”

I. Paul Looked _____ At The _____ (4:6)

- What is the significance of the word translated **“For”**?
- Timothy was to be sober, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill his ministry because _____ was about _____!

“God’s _____ pass on, but God’s _____ continues!”

“The courage and comfort of dying saints, and especially of dying martyrs, is not only a great confirmation of the truth of Christianity, but it is also a great encouragement to living saints to do the work that Christ has given them to do!”

- The Greek word that is translated **“already”** refers to something that was presently _____. The word indicates that the process had _____.
- **Philippians 2:17**
- Paul used two metaphors to reveal his view of the death of a believer in Jesus Christ:

A. He viewed death as _____ (v. 6a)

- **Exodus 29:40-41, Leviticus 23:13; Numbers 15:1-10**
- This act symbolized the _____ of the sacrifice into the _____ of the One to whom it was being offered! **A sweet smelling sacrifice!**
- The phrase translated **“poured out”** has the idea of “a _____ giving, with no _____.”
- Even though his _____ was not yet on the executioner’s block, his _____ was! **He was ready to make the ultimate sacrifice!**

In the Old Testament wine was a symbol of _____!

➤ *Romans 12:1*

➤ Here Paul was picturing his coming execution as a _____ unto the Lord!

➤ *Philippians 1:20*

B. He viewed death as _____ (v. 6b)

➤ The word translated “**time**” refers to “a _____ and _____ time; the time when things are brought to _____.”

➤ The Greek word for “**departure**” is a word that generally means, “to _____, and then to _____.”

➤ William Barclay has noted four ways in which this Greek word was commonly used:

1. *The loosing of an _____ from its _____*

2. *The loosing of a _____ from his _____*

3. *The loosing of the _____ of a _____*

4. *The loosing of the _____ of a _____*

➤ *I Corinthians 15:55-57; Philippians 1:23-24; II Peter 1:14; II Corinthians 5:6-8*

Conclusion:

Our _____ of death will determine our _____ toward it!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.