

THE LAST RECORDED WORDS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

(2 Timothy 4:18-22)

I. MARKS OF THE FAITHFUL PREACHER (4:1-5)

II. THE APOSTLE'S PERSONAL EPITAPH (4:6-8)

III. PAUL'S FRIENDS AND FOES (4:9-15)

A. Those Paul DISPATCHED and the one who DESERTED him (4:9-13)

B. The WARNING against Alexander the coppersmith (4:14-15)

C. Paul's first DEFENSE and the Lord's comforting PRESENCE (4:16-17)

D. Paul's ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE (4:18)

1. Not only did the Lord stand with Paul and empower him, but He would ultimately _____ safe and sound into His everlasting glory. (v. 18a)
2. The "*evil work*" that he would be eventually delivered from can be viewed as the wicked _____ of his countless enemies and the _____ of life. (v. 18b)
3. He knew that his ultimate "*_____*" was going to be in the form of martyrdom "*for His heavenly kingdom.*" (v. 18c)
4. The very thought of what the Lord _____ in his life, and what He soon _____ filled his very soul with a doxological praise; "*To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!*" (v. 18d)

E. Paul's BENEDECTION (4:19-22)

1. In his final greeting, Paul mentions a very dear couple "*Prisca and Aquila*" whose friendship he _____ very much; they had remained _____ to him and the Lord to the end. (2 Tim. 4:19a; Acts 18:1-3, 19-21; Rom. 16:3-4; 1 Cor. 16:19)

2. As mentioned earlier in chapter 1, Timothy was to greet the ever faithful, dependable Onesiphorus who _____ to minister to him in Rome. (2 Tim. 4:19b; 1:16-18)

3. The apostle explained the absence of two men that Timothy would expect to be with him...
 - a. Erastus may have been the city _____ in Corinth (Rom. 16:23); or he could have been the man who _____ with Timothy in Macedonia. (Acts 19:22)

 - b. When Trophimus became ill, Paul was obligated to _____ in the town of Miletus, which was not that far from Ephesus. (Acts 20:4; 21:27-30)

* Why did the apostle not physically heal Trophimus?

4. What is exciting about v. 21 is that in spite of the emperor's rage against _____ four brave souls are identified with the church in hostile Rome along with "_____ *the* _____."

5. Timothy would certainly need the Lord Jesus' _____ and _____ as he traveled to Rome, but also to finish his own course as a pastor-teacher. (v. 22a)

6. A fitting way for the Apostle of _____ to conclude his last letter; "_____ *be with you. Amen.*" (v. 22b)

* What can you personally apply from Paul's closing remarks?