

The Triumphant Life

2 Timothy 4:6-8

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At the end of his life, even facing Roman execution, Paul is able to sound a note of triumph. If we as believers in Christ wish to live the triumphant life, we must have Paul's perspective in *three crucial areas*:

1. We must view *death* as Paul viewed it (6).
 - a. Our death is a holy offering to God.
For I am ready to be poured out as a drink offering...
 - b. Our death is a journey into the presence of God.
...and the time of my departure is at hand.

2. We must view *life* as Paul viewed it (7).
 - a. Our life is a noble contest in which we struggle.
I have fought the good fight.
 - b. Our life is an appointed course that we run.
I have finished the race.
 - c. Our life is a holy confession that we keep.
I have kept the faith.

3. We must view *eternity* as Paul viewed it (8).
 - a. Eternity is the place of ultimate reward.
...there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness...
 - b. Eternity is the place of ultimate fulfillment.
...also to all who have loved His appearing.