

L14 | Spiritual Life | "The Warfare & Hope of the Believer" | 2 Tim. 4:6-8

I. Intro/Review:

1. Not easy engaging in "spiritual life" in this world
2. The expectation of that which is future

II. Preview:

1. The Warfare of the Believer
2. The Hope of the Believer
3. The Fruit of Hope

III. Sermon:

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
{2 Timothy 4:6-8}

- Paul near the end of his life
- Two things, among others, he mentions in this passage
 1. "I have fought a good fight" - Paul has been fighting
 2. "henceforth there is laid up for me a crown...at that day" - Paul looking for "a crown...the righteous judge shall give" to him

1. The Warfare of the Believer

1. Sinful Flesh

- Romans 6:11-13 - instruments
 - John 18:3 - weapons
 - Rom. 13:12 - armour of light
 - 2 Cor. 6:7 - armour of righteousness
 - 2 Cor. 10:4 - weapons of our warfare
- Romans 7:15-21
- Romans 8:13 - mortify the deeds of the body
- 2 Corinthians 7:11 - revenge

2. This World

- Calamities - Rom. 8

- The Wisdom of the World - Col. 2
- The Children of the Lie - Eph. 6
 - Seeking to conform - Rom. 12:2
- Unto Tribulation, Persecution, Distress, Peril, Death
 - Rom. 5
 - Rom. 8
 - 1 The. 3 & 5
- Taking on the world
 - John 15:20 - "Remember the word that I said unto you, "The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."
 - John 16:33 - "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
 - John 17:14 - "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

2. **The Hope of the Believer** - 1 Cor. 13:13 - one of the greatest (good - 2 The. 2:16; blessed - Tit. 2:13)

- The glory of God (God of hope - Rom. 15:13)
 - Rom. 5:2
 - Rom. 8:20 - the creature subjected in hope
 - His inheritance, His calling - Eph. 1:18
 - Eph. 2:7 - "That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."
- The effect of hope
 - Rom. 8:24-25 - saved, patiently wait
- Hope Doctrines - Christ - Col. 1 - "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (1 Tim. 1:1)
 - Free from body of sin
 - Free from the world
 - Free from the vexation of the world
 - Free from darkness
 - New glorified body
 - Entrance into God's good pleasure
 - The reign of love instead of sin
- Jn. 14:2 - "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."
 - "mansions" - rooms - lodging, dwelling-place, room (Jn. 14:23 - "abode")
 - Each of a number of separate dwelling places or apartments in a large house (plural)

- OED
- "prepare a place" - "I go to - "prepare a place for you."
- Jn. 14:3
- Ps. 84:1-4, 9-12
 - "amiable" - worth of love; deserving of affection;
- Jn. 17:24 - "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."
- 1 Cor. 15:20-28 - God may be all in all
 - Father of glory
 - Lord of glory

3. The Fruit of Hope

- Rom. 15:13
 - "the God of hope"
 - "fill you with all joy and peace in believing"
 - "abound in hope"
 - "through the power of the Holy Ghost"
 - Spiritual
 - Rom. 5
 - Rom. 8
- 2 The. 2:16 - everlasting consolation
- 2 Tim. 1:7 - power - "spirit of fear" (2 Tim. 1:8-11)
- Php. 4:11-13 - contentment (:19)

IV. Conclusion:

- 2 Cor. 6:10
 1. "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing"
 2. "as poor, yet making many rich"
 3. "as having nothing, and yet possessing all things"
- Php. 1:20-21
 - "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
- 1 Cor. 3:21-23
 - "For all things are yours....the world, or life, or death...ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."