

Personal Remarks
Lesson 27
2 Timothy 4:9-22

Knowing that he would be executed soon, Paul had given Timothy a charge to carry on the ministry. The baton had been passed and Paul had done his best to prepare Timothy for what lay ahead.

Come To Me, Timothy - 2 Timothy 4:9-21

1. What feelings had Paul expressed to Timothy in the opening of this letter? (2 Timothy 1:4)

2. What did he encourage Timothy to do? (2 Timothy 4:9)

3. Paul often had ministry partners with him, even in prison. But this time it was different. Using 2 Timothy 4:10-12, what did Paul say about:
 - Demas?

 - Crescens?

 - Titus?

 - Dr. Luke?

 - Who did Paul ask Timothy to bring with him?

 - Why?

 - What about Tychicus?

4. What did Paul ask Timothy to bring with him? (2 Timothy 4:13)

5. Paul had mentioned Alexander in his first letter. (1 Timothy 1:20) What did he say about him this time? (2 Timothy 4:14)

6. What warning did he give Timothy about Alexander? (2 Timothy 4:15)
7. Paul had already made his first defense before the Roman Council. What did he tell Timothy about his defense? (2 Timothy 4:16a)
8. What was Paul's wish? (2 Timothy 4:16b)
9. Where did Paul find his strength? (2 Timothy 4:17a)
10. As a result, what was he able to do? (2 Timothy 4:17b)
11. Paul said that he was _____ from the lion's mouth. (2 Timothy 4:17c)
12. Paul's complete trust was in the Lord. What did he expect the Lord to do? (2 Timothy 4:18a)

With that, Paul closed with a praise and blessing, *"To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen."*

13. Paul asked Timothy to pass on his greetings as he traveled to him. Timothy was still in Ephesus; who was he to greet there? (2 Timothy 4:19)
14. Where was he to greet: (2 Timothy 4:20)
 - Erastus?
 - Trophimus?
15. Paul urged Timothy to arrive before _____. (2 Timothy 4:21a)
16. Although some had deserted Paul or left for various reasons, who was still in contact with him? (2 Timothy 4:21b)

Benediction - 2 Timothy 4:22

17. What were the last words Paul wrote? (2 Timothy 4:22)

Paul's Final Days

From early church history and various writings, indications are that Paul was released from his first Roman imprisonment and continued his ministry for several more years. It was shortly after writing to Titus, whom he had left on the island of Crete, that Paul went to Troas where he was suddenly arrested and taken back to Rome. According to Paul's second letter to Timothy, he knew that this time he would be put to death. As a Roman citizen, Paul was not crucified, used as a human torch or fed to the wild animals. "According to tradition, Paul was beheaded at Aquae Salviae (now Tr Fontane) near the third milestone on the Ostian Way."¹ This took place somewhere around A.D. 67 during the reign of Emperor Nero.

Reflect:

Paul's life and ministry has been recorded by Dr. Luke in the book of Acts and through Paul's own letters, 13 of which have survived as part of our New Testament. From your own study what words would you use to describe the man Paul?

What has surprised you the most as you have gotten to know Paul through the pages of Scripture?

What is one lesson from Paul's writing that you will apply to your own life?

This brings us to the conclusion of the story of the New Testament. Next session we will see how everything that God began in Genesis ends as we study the Revelation of Jesus Christ as shown to the Apostle John. See you back in September!

¹F.F. Bruce, *Paul Apostle of the Heart Set Free*, (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, MI, 2000), pg. 450.