“I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH”

2 Timothy 4:6–22

Key Verse: 4:7

1. How did Paul’s personal situation make his final charge to Timothy even more serious? (5–6) What did it mean that he was “already being poured out like a drink offering,” and why do you think he described himself like this?
2. Read verse 7. In Christian life, what is “the good fight”? (2:3–4; 1Ti1:18; 6:12; Eph6:12) What is “the race”? (Ac20:24; Php3:13–14; Heb12:1–2) What does it mean to “keep the faith”? (1Ti1:19) How is it related to the truth? (2:18,25; 3:8) How can we “keep the faith”? (1:13–14; 2:1,15) What was Paul’s hope? (8a) How is this our hope also? (8b)
3. List Paul’s personal requests to Timothy (9–13). How had Demas been involved with Paul? (Col4:14; Phm24) What had happened to him, and what should we learn from this? (2Ti4:10a) How had Paul’s view of Mark changed? (11; cf. Ac15:37–39; Col4:10) Why did Paul want his cloak? (13,21) Why was it important to help Paul like this?
4. Who was Alexander? (Ac19:33; 1Ti1:20) What did Paul now say he had done? (14–15) What should we learn from this?
5. What things did Paul say happened at his “first defense,” and how had he exhibited faith? (16–17) What can we learn from him? What was Paul’s conviction, and how can this conviction be ours? (18)
6. Who were Priscilla and Aquila, and how and where had they helped Paul and the Christian community? (19a; Ac18:2–3,18–19,24–26; cf. Ro16:3; 1Co16:19) Who was Onesiphorus? (19b; 1:16–18) What other people does Paul mention, and what does this show us about him? (20–21) What were his final greetings? (22)