

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**  
A Living Sacrifice

*A satisfied life ...*

- I. Saved by Grace
  - A. A Sinner
  
  - B. Redeemed
- II. Keeping the Faith
  - A. A Mission
  
  - B. Completed
- III. Filled with Ho
  - A. In Light of Death
  
  - B. A Glorious Vision

*... poured out for Christ.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. How does Paul describe his past life of faith?
  - 1.
  
  - 2.
2. How is the life of faith like those two things?
  - 1.
  
  - 2.
3. How is Paul able to be so sure that he will be with the Lord when he dies?

**Life's Tenses**

When Paul reflects on his life towards its end in this brief passage he covers the past, present and future. His life of faith began in earnest with his dramatic conversion. In light of the sustaining grace of the Lord he could look back on persevering faith. In light of his current difficult circumstances and his imminent passing, he sees himself as a living offering to the God of his salvation. And when he looks ahead to when his fight, race, in other words his journey of faith is over, he will be welcomed into the presence of Jesus. While each life is unique, and the apostle's was especially extraordinary, we can draw parallels from his perspective to ourselves. We all have a life story – if you are reading this, yours is not over yet. If you are in Christ, not matter where you are in your journey (and who can really know that?), you can look back on a life of faith. As you look at your life now, make sure you are living I as an offering to the Lord. And, loving and longing for the appearing of your Savior, you can be assured that you, yes, even you, will receive a crown of righteousness. What a great and glorious God we serve, Who saved us, keeps us, and will call us home to be with Him.