

The Day I Die

Intro:

1. We may not know what we will say, but *the Day I Die* I want to be able to say as Paul — 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

Body:

- I. I have fought the good fight — 1 Tim. 6:12.
 - A. We are combatants in a warfare — Eph. 6:10-13.
 - B. Paul had fought the good fight.
 1. The Jews sought to kill him — Acts 9:23-25, 29.
 2. At Antioch in Pisidia — Acts 13:50.
 3. At Iconium he fled — Acts 14:5.
 4. At Philippi — 1 Th. 2:2.
 5. To Corinth he wrote — 2 Cor. 11:24-28.

- II. I have finished the course.
 - A. Paul was willing to die to complete the course — Acts 20:24.
 1. We must be likewise — Rev. 2:10.
 - B. Paul had to discipline himself — 1 Cor. 9:24-27.
 1. We must do likewise — Heb. 12:1-2.

- III. I have kept the faith.
 - A. Paul did not say, “I have kept *my* faith.” —
Acts 20:27; Gal. 4:16; 2 Tim. 1:13-14.
 1. We must do likewise —
Rom. 16:18; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Matt. 15:14.
 - B. The words of Paul & John — 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Jn. 4:1.

- IV. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.
 - A. Paul looked forward to wearing that crown.
 - B. On the day of death we should ...
 1. Rejoice — Lk. 10:20.
 2. Be blessed — Rev. 14:13.
 3. Anticipate hearing — Matt. 25:21.

Conc:

1. Paul wrote to Timothy — 1 Tim. 4:10.
2. Do you have that same hope?
3. Will you be able to say, as Paul? — 2 Tim. 4:7-8.