

# Today's Message

## Living and Dying by Loving His Appearing

2 Timothy 4:6-8

*The Gospel is Worth It!*

January 16, 2011

- Running, by faith . . . to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Fighting, by faith . . . a \_\_\_\_\_ fight.
- Keeping, by faith . . . "the faith" \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He lived for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteous \_\_\_\_\_. (4:8)

4. He lived "loving His appearing." (4:8)

## Our Challenge Together in 2011. . . .

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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*What is the source of the Apostle **Paul's calm confidence** in the face of his inevitable and soon death?*

### A. It GREW Out of the Way Paul \_\_\_\_\_ His Earthly Life . . .

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_. (4:6)

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_. (4:7)

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_. (4:7)

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_. (4:7)

### B. It Grew Out of the Way Paul \_\_\_\_\_ His Earthly Life . . .

1. He lived in response to God's \_\_\_\_\_. (4:6)

2. He lived as an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ participant in God's \_\_\_\_\_ (4:7)

# Growth Group Stuff

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### CONNECTING with One Another (30 min)

Week #1 of a new quarter is all about connecting and reconnecting, not getting through the message material! So take some time to get to know new folks. Share highlights and lowlights from the holidays and maybe one hope/desire/dream/goal for 2011?

### EXPLORING God's Word with One Another (20 – 30 min)

1. Read 2 Timothy from the top together to re-acquaint yourself with the flow of the text. What themes jump out at you? What do you remember about the circumstances of sender and recipient? What is happening in 2 Timothy 4:6-8?
2. Talk as a group about how we and our surrounding culture sees and deals with death. Why is this? What are some of the underlying roots that give rise to this approach to death? How does this contrast with the Bible treatment of the subject of death?
3. We described Paul as “calmly confident” as he faces his own death. What is the evidence of that in 2 Timothy 4:6-8? In other words, how and where does the text show us that?
4. Why do we see so few Christians die well. . . . calmly and confidently by faith in Christ? How much of this is rooted in poor preparation

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and willful choices and how much is related to a loss of mental capacities?

5. Each of the 4 metaphors Paul uses in 4:6-7 to describe how he sees and lives his life of faith in Christ is intended to engage our imagination. What does each stir up in you? Turn them over in discussion together.
6. What is the crown of righteousness? Who awards it and why is he qualified to award it? Who is it awarded to?
7. “Love his appearing” in 4:8 is a strange, but sweet phrase. What does it mean? How does it color this whole text in a helpful way?
8. Which of the 5 challenges poked you the most? What is a step or two you need to take to apply this Word to your life this week and this year?

### PRAYING for One Another (15-20 min)

*This quarter we want to encourage depth of personal sharing and caring in our Growth Groups, so our goal is to pray for another, not on everyone else in our extended circles. So really focus on sharing and praying for one another in light of this text/message, as well as for any other requests/needs the group has. Let's let God's Word lead us to the throne of grace.*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011**

**COMING UP @ GRACE**

**Moving Toward Worship Together**

*If you come to worship for any reason other than the joy and pleasure and satisfaction that are to be found in God, you dishonor Him. To put it in other words, worship is first and foremost a feasting on all that God is for us in Jesus. This is because God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in Him. Or again, you are His pleasure when He is your treasure. Which is to say that God's greatest delight is your delight in Him.*

*- Sam Storms, in Pleasures Evermore: The Life-Changing Power of Enjoying God*

**WELCOME**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 89:6-17**

1<sup>st</sup> Service: Donny Valliere

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Kendall Mattina

**CHILD DEDICATIONS**

*Revelation 19*

Celebration Choir

*Praise Him*

*I Will Rise*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

1<sup>st</sup> Service: Tim Fox

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Ken Peet

**OFFERING**

**LIFE @ GRACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

1<sup>st</sup> Service: Dennis Carrington

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Peter Rynning

**MESSAGE**

**Living and Dying by Loving His Appearing**

Tim Theule, Lead Pastor

**Installation of Brandon Hall**

*Forever*


**BENEDICTION**

**1 Corinthians 15:57-58**

*Cry Room: at the back of Worship Center. Hearing impaired: FM receivers at sound booth.*




**winter Growth Groups enrollment is happening now**  
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**Connect, Care, Commit**  
GROWTH GROUPS BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16



**PRAY**  
*in the NEW YEAR*  
**PRAY**  
*All-Church Prayer Gatherings*

*Sundays,*  
*January 9 & 16*  
*9 & 10:45 am*  
*Founder's Hall*



**baby shower** IN HONOR OF JACQUELYN MOSES  
TODAY AT 3 PM AT THE LIA HOME  
CALL AMBER (818-416-8917) FOR DIRECTIONS



**Adult Sunday Seminars**

**Systematic Theology: Doctrine of Scripture**  
Teachers: the Elders of Grace.  
9 AM in C112

**Operation Worldview (World Missions)**  
Teachers: Tim Arlen & the Missions Team  
9 AM in Founder's Hall A

**Life's Boundries \***  
Teachers: Donny Valliere and Mike & Libby Zaiser  
9 AM in Founder's Hall B

**Love & Respect (in Marriage)**  
Teachers: Paul Evangelista and Ted Malley  
9 AM in the Ministry Center  
*\* Requires a workbook, please sign up today in the Courtyard.*

More detailed information on our seminars is available at [graceslo.org](http://graceslo.org), go to **Ministries**, then go to **Sunday Morning for Adults**

Seminars Begin next Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9am

June '10 - May '11 Financial Report	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under)
Giving:	\$697,231	\$739,699	42,468

*Please visit the website to give funds electronically*

**Missionary of the Week: Lee & Beth Shirey**  
**Pastor on Call this week: Tim Arlen**

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