

The Final Farewell of Paul to the World

2 Timothy 04:09–22

1. *A personal message — needing help*

a. There are special times
when believers need help

- 1) When a loved one
has forsaken God
- 2) When left alone
because loved ones have gone
to their own ministry
- 3) When help is needed
in the ministry
- 4) When a fellow labourer
has to be sent forth
to his own ministry
- 5) When personal items are needed
and are out of reach
- 6) When men actively oppose
and cause trouble
- 7) When deserted by others

b. The experience of God helping him

c. The assurance
of God's eternal deliverance —
of being rescued and transported
into God's heavenly kingdom

9 Do your best to come to me quickly,

10 For Demas,
because he loved this world,
has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica.
Crescens has gone to Galatia,
and Titus to Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me.
Get Mark and bring him with you,
because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

13 When you come,
bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas,
and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the metalworker
did me a great deal of harm.
The Lord will repay him
for what he has done.

15 You too should be on your guard against him,
because he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defence,
no one came to my support,
but everyone deserted me.
May it not be held against them.

17 But the Lord stood at my side
and gave me strength,
so that through me
the message might be fully proclaimed
and all the Gentiles might hear it.
And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack
and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<p>2. A personal greeting — showing personal interest</p> <p>a. He greeted others</p> <p>b. He supplied information about others</p> <p>c. He requested help himself</p> <p>d. He passed on the greetings of others</p> <p>e. He gave the benediction of Christ and of grace</p>	<p>19 Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.</p> <p>20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.</p> <p>21 Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers.</p> <p>22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.</p>
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