

A Life Well Lived
Outline – April 28, 2024
1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:3-8
What Do You Want Your Final Words To Be?

- I. This is a subject we don't like discussing**
 - A. We don't like the unknown
 - B. The finality
 - C. The separation
 - D. The fear
 - E. The sense of darkness
- II. Some famous last words of saints and sinners**
 - A. Voltaire
 - 1. Abandoned by God
 - 2. Feel the flames of hell
 - B. John Wesley – All is Light
 - C. Gandhi – All is darkness
 - D. Buddha – I have not attained my goal
- III. Paul's final word on paper**
 - A. What he had done
 - 1. Fought the good fight
 - 2. Finished the course
 - 3. Kept the faith
 - B. Where am I going?
 - 1. To receive a crown of righteousness
 - 2. And all who love his appearing
- IV. So, what is Paul telling us?**
 - A. Face the inevitable
 - B. It's going to happen
 - 1. He doesn't avoid the subject
 - 2. He knows he is about to be beheaded
 - 3. He knows his life consumed for his glory
 - C. He is not afraid of the subject
 - D. Because of the Resurrection
- V. Called to live knowing our days are numbered. Why?**
 - A. You make each day count
 - B. You see each day as a gift
 - C. You live a life of appreciation
 - D. You live a life with accomplishment
 - E. A life is that humble
 - F. A life focused on Jesus
 - G. A life filled with love

- VI. Paul referred to his death as his departure**
 - A. Going on a trip
 - B. To unloose a rope
 - C. Pull up an anchor
 - D. Ship leaving a port
 - E. Moving your tent
- VII. Paul encouraged us to be faithful**
 - A. Fight the good fight
 - B. Faithfulness is the aim
 - C. Guard the faith, defend the faith, hand down the faith
- VIII. Aim at the eventual eternal**
 - A. Rewards/crowns
 - 1. Crown of righteousness - love the Lord, love His appearing
 - 2. Imperishable crown – faithful endurance
 - 3. Crown of rejoicing – overcoming
 - 4. Crown of glory – serving the Lord
 - 5. Crown of life – faced persecution
 - B. This is a noble life that brings reward and blessing
- IX. Until then, let love bring relational joy to life**
 - A. Love is who we are
 - 1. Not guarded
 - 2. Not cold
 - 3. Not disconnected
 - B. Love is to be the heart of all we do
 - C. Everything follows love
 - D. Love is to be paramount

Faith, Hope, Love
Greatest Of These Is Love