

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Must a Christian suffer for Christ?
2. How was Paul an example for all Christians?
3. What do works prove?
4. What are the rewards of faith?

### SUMMARY:

The Apostle Paul was so very aware of the spirit of power and of love that God had extended to him and to all that are found in the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus. His faith was victorious, as he was completely persuaded that God was able to keep him in everything. Paul was willing to put his life on the line as an example for living for all Christians everywhere, as he exhorted them to live as he had lived in Christ Jesus. Having fought a good fight of faith, he was ready to be offered, knowing of the crown that awaited him.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

April 7, 2013

Second Quarter

### CLIMAXING A TRIUMPHANT MINISTRY

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**LESSON TEXT:** *2 Timothy 1:6-14; 3:10-17; 4:1-8*

**LESSON SETTING:** Written from Rome to Timothy.

**TIME:** Approximately 66 A.D.

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- I. A VICTORIOUS FAITH.** 2 Timothy 1:6-14
  - A. Spirit of Power. (vs. 7) Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8
  - B. Suffering for Christ. (vs. 8) Romans 8:17; 1 Peter 2:20
  - C. Christ the Life (vs. 10) John 1:4; 10:10; 11:25
- II. A VICTORIOUS MINISTRY.** 2 Timothy 3:10-17
  - A. Paul's Example. 1 Corinthians 4:6,16; 1 Corinthians 11:1
  - B. Spiritual Love. Colossians 3:14; 1 John 4:16
  - C. Patience. Luke 21:19; James 1:4
  - D. Persecution. 1 Corinthians 4:12
- III. A VICTORIOUS TESTIMONY.** 2 Timothy 4:1-8
  - A. Works Prove. Matthew 5:16; James 2:18; 1 Peter 2:12
  - B. Spiritual Warfare. Romans 7:23; Ephesians 6:12
  - C. Fidelity. Luke 19:17; Revelation 20:4
  - D. Reward of Faithful. Matthew 10:42

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.* 2 Timothy 4:7



**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Jeremiah 25:1-4; 29:1-14

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Lamentations 1:1-22;  
Romans 10:16-11:36

**QUARTERLY THEME:** God's People in Captivity

**TOPIC:** JEREMIAH FORETELLS CAPTIVITY

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Israelite people, chosen to be the children of God, had become so self-willed and rebellious against God that He was about to bring judgment upon them. Yet even in these last hours He was desirous to show mercy and compassion upon them. He gave a last plea for the people to turn from their evil ways and to serve Him. He warned that they would suffer a period of captivity if they did not repent. It is history now—that they did not repent—and the promised judgment came upon the people.

Even as it became a reality, the love of God again was demonstrated when He encouraged them to be faithful in the land of their captivity so they could continue to be a nation of people that He might deliver them and return them to the land He had promised.

So likewise today, God still pleads with man to turn from his sins and serve Him. He has provided a way of deliverance from the captivity of sin so that all that would seek this deliverance may have access to the promise of God. We must make the choice! Do we desire deliverance and a share in the kingdom of God, or do we rather choose captivity with its final end, judgment and destruction?

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Blessed is the man who comes to the end of life, knowing he has done the will of God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *HE, THAT BEING OFTEN REPROVED  
HARDENETH HIS NECK, SHALL SUDDENLY BE DESTROYED, AND  
THAT WITHOUT REMEDY.* Proverbs 29:1

The story of the Israelites before the time of the captivity is a testimony of our Golden Text. Prophets had been sent to warn them to put off idolatry and worldly associations but they persisted in their willful ways. Not only did they persist, but even mistreated the prophets. At one time they besought Jeremiah to ask God what they should do. When he brought God's answer back to them, they said "God didn't tell this to you."

Today when people are reproved they will often answer "If you want to apply that to your life, okay, but don't try to force it upon us."

May we never forget that God calls us to a life of holiness and righteousness and separation from the world. Anything short of this arouses God's displeasure. Those who persist in ways contrary to this, little by little, become hardened against God's ways. There soon follows justification for many things not pleasing to God.

May we never forget that God is the final Judge. Anyone falling short of that which He asks shall come under His judgment and condemnation.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 8 – 14**

M. \*Jeremiah's Warning of Captivity. Jeremiah 25:1-14; 29:1-14  
T. Contrasting Godliness and Ungodliness. Psalm 1:1-6  
W. Avoiding Enticement to Evil. Proverbs 1:7-19  
T. Christ's Teaching about Obedience. Matthew 7:21-29  
F. Christ's Warning about Satan. Matthew 10:16-28  
S. Christ's Warning about Destruction. Matthew 23:33-39  
S. Christ's Warnings to the church. Revelation 3:15-22

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