

25 November 2018: Preached by Rev Clement Chew

Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy: Ready to Depart

Scripture text: 2 Tim 4:6-8

1. We cannot choose when we are born and we cannot choose when we will die. Life and death is in God's control. Nonetheless, we can learn from Apostle Paul who was ready to depart (verse 6). To be ready, we must make sure we are born again and fully surrendered unto the Lord. It means giving our life fully unto the Lord and being ready to sacrifice and suffer. To live is Christ, and to die is gain (Phil 1:21).

2. Apostle Paul had agonised for the glory of God and suffered for the gospel's sake. Are we ready to do the same or do we only seek the comforts of life? Apostle Paul had fulfilled whatever God required him to do in his pilgrim journey. Are we fulfilling God's will in our life or are we distracted by the things of this world? Apostle Paul had obeyed God's Word and remained faithful to Him. Are we practising believers or do we just profess Christ?

3. True believers will love and look forward to the Second Coming of Christ (verse 8). There will be rewards for believers and we can look forward to it because it represents God's commendation as well as God's approval. The crown awaits those who have overcome and conquered the world through the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a crown of righteousness which is not just referring to believers having the righteousness of Christ but also having practical righteousness where they obey God's Word in their life.