

OHANA STUDY GUIDE

March 7-13, 2010

Sermon: "The Greatest Prize of All " March 14, 2010

2 Timothy 4:6-8

1. Read v.6. When Paul speaks of being "poured out like a drink offering", what do you think he means?

a. See Exodus 29:38-41. He is saying that he is ready to die. What is it that makes a person ready to die and meet God?

2. If you knew that you had only a few days to live, is there anything you would do differently than you are doing presently?

a. Should a Christian always be ready to die?

b. What assurance do we have from Christ that even death can be a victory for us? See Romans 8:37-39; 1 Corinthians 15:55-58.

3. Read v.7. Explain what Paul meant by each of these three affirmations.

(1) "I have fought the good fight"

(2) "I have finished the race"

(3) "I have kept the faith"

4. Paul uses the word "fight" in reference to the Christian life. In what sense is our life a "fight"? See Ephesians 6:10-12.

a. In what sense can our lives be called a "race"? See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

5. Read v.8. What absolute confidence does Paul have about what will occur following his death?

a. Explain what Paul means by the "crown of righteousness" that was in store for him. See James 1:12; Revelation 2:10

6. God is the "righteous judge" he refers to in this verse.

a. What assurance do we have that we will not be condemned on the Judgment Day by God? (see John 3:18, 5:24-29).

b. When does the judgment for sin occur in the life of a Christian?
Romans 8:1-4.

7. Besides Paul, who else will receive the crown of righteousness according to v.8?

a. Since we have this assurance, how does it help us when we go through times of pain or suffering?

b. If we had no hope of life after death, what would this do to our faith? See 1 Corinthians 15:14-19.

