

Closing Credits part 1

What you want to say at the end of life 2 Timothy 4:6-8 part 1 Chris Mueller 2-10-2019

Introduction:

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

#1 Paul's current _____ is ending soon 6a

6a For I am already being poured out as a drink offering

#2 Paul's _____ is immanent 6b

6b and the time of my departure has come.

2 Peter 1:14 the laying aside of [his] earthly dwelling

2 Corinthians 5:8 to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord

1st Unleashing an animal from a cart

2nd Loosening the bonds of a prisoner

3rd Loosening a tent, to take it down

John 14:2 *In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.*

4th A ship leaving harbor

Philippians 1:23 *having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better*

TAKE HOME:

#1 _____ is better than being remembered

Charles Spurgeon A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble.

#2 _____ is better than you can imagine

CS Lewis They were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which **every chapter** is better than the one before.

Colossians 3:1 *keep seeking the things above, where Christ is*

#3 Do not fret over the _____ home

2 Corinthians 5:8 *to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord*

#4 Do not be _____ about your eternity

Turn to Luke 16:19-31

Matthew 13:41 *The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, **42** and will throw them into [the furnace of fire](#); in that place there will [be weeping and gnashing of teeth](#).*

Matthew 22:13 *Then the king said to the servants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer [darkness](#); in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

Matthew 24:51 *and will [cut him in pieces](#) and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will [be weeping and gnashing of teeth](#).*

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. How does the non-churchgoing, unsaved person view death?
2. What kind of wrong attitudes do Christians have about death, either personally or about other believers?
3. What kind of choices should genuine believers make now in order to look forward to heaven?
4. How is life in heaven better than life on earth for the believer?
5. Why don't Christians actually think more about heaven or live more like they are going to heaven?
6. Have you invested your life in such way as to be rewarded in heaven? If not, why not?
7. If you could choose your method of dying, from life on earth to life in heaven, how would you choose to die and why?

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