“Ready to Be Offered”
2 Tim. 4:6-8 [KJV]

Introduction:
A. Paul expresses more than mere readiness to die - ready to be sacrificed for Christ.
C. Paul gives three grounds for his calmness and confidence in the face of death.

Discussion:
I. The Lord He Would Face (v. 8).
A. A righteous Judge (v. 8).
B. A willing Savior. (cf. 2 Pet. 3:9).
C. A faithful helper. (1 Cor. 10:13).
D. An able keeper. (2 Tim. 1:12).

II. The Life He Had Lived (v. 7)
A. He had been baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3,4; Acts 22:16)
B. He had fought a good fight.
   1. Against error and for truth (Acts 20:28-31; Gal. 2:5; 1 Tim. 1:3)
   2. Against personal discouragement (2 Cor. 11:23-33)
   3. Against fleshly weaknesses (1 Cor. 9:27).
C. He had finished his course (race) (cf. Heb. 12:1).
D. He had kept the faith (cf. Gal. 2:16, 20)
   1. Not perfect (cf. Phil. 3:12)
   2. But, faithful.
   3. Knew he stood by grace (Rom. 5:2)

III. The Crown He Was Promised (v. 8).
A. This crown was a sure thing with Paul.
B. This crown was a victory crown.
C. This crown is also called the “crown of life” (Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10).
   1. Eternal life away from all the problems of this life (cf. Rev. 21:1-4)
   2. Eternal life in heaven with God, Christ and all the saved (Rev. 21:22-27)

Conclusion:
1. Death and judgment are certain. (Heb. 9:27).
   a. Can you view judgement with any degree of confidence?
   b. Do you have any good reasons to view it with confidence?
2. Death and judgment was no real threat to Paul, what about you?