

Sermon Notes from SBM service June 1st 2008

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Martin Luther King- looking forward to a brighter future for the nation, but have we as individuals planned for a future beyond this life.

Vs 6 – Paul’s plea to Timothy is to take over his ministry. Paul is ready for death. Not afraid of death.

Vs 1 – We will be judged by Jesus- He will judge the living and the dead.

Vs 7-8 – Paul is sure of the glorious future in Christ. He looks forward with joy to the crown of righteousness, even though in 1 Timothy 1:16- Paul considered himself the worst of sinners.

How is this so?

2 Timothy 1:10 – Because of what Jesus has done, Paul no longer feared death, and we no longer need to be afraid of death.

2 Timothy 4:7 – Paul has kept the faith, continued to fight the good fight. We should please God by repenting of our old wicked ways.

2 Timothy 2:2 – pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace with a pure heart.

We need to fight against the worldly flow because we know we have the crown of righteousness waiting for us.

We need to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

Vs 7 end – Paul has kept ‘the faith’ – this means the gospel- that it is only through Jesus’ death and resurrection that we can be saved.

Keep our eyes on the prize- to get to be with Jesus.

Vs 8 – we should long for Jesus’ appearing.

Luke 12- seek God’s kingdom, not worldly treasures. Don’t long for the things of this world, but for treasures that can be stored in heaven. This is hard to do.

2 Timothy 4: 9-11 – happened to Demas- he gave in to worldly things.

We should never look back and be discouraged by our sinful past. Look forward to the prize instead.

How do we do this? By reading God’s word- that is what we are living for.

I want to look forward to the glorious future.

God may use suffering to keep our eyes on the prize. When we see suffering or experience suffering, we will rely more on God and realise we don’t belong in this world.

May we be the people who long for Jesus’ appearing- 2 Timothy 4:8.