

2 Timothy 4:19-22
Grace Be with You

In Closing ...

- I. To Friends in Christ
 - A. Affectionate Regards

 - B. To People in Their Places

- II. Parting Words
 - A. Come Soon My Son

 - B. Blessings to All

- III. But We'll Meet Again
 - A. Farewell

 - B. Until Then

... a good word.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why are the people Paul mentions at the end of his letter so important to the work of the church?

2. From what you know about the Apostle Paul, what do you think was the most important thing in his life?

3. When this life is over God's people will see Jesus. Does the Bible also teach that people who belong to Jesus will see each other too?

Till We Meet at Jesus' Feet

As we come to the end of Paul's letter to Timothy a few thoughts come to mind. First, I hope the rich content of the apostle's letter to the young pastor has edified all of us. Now that we have come to the conclusion of 2 Timothy, I would imagine going back and re-reading though 1 Timothy and then this one again would refresh what has been covered and unearth some new insights as well (hah, maybe I should go back and try to preach it all again!). My only other thought that I will share here is the bittersweetness of goodbyes. Paul has made it clear that his martyrdom draws near. There is always a sadness in end-of-life matters, and we have here what amounts to a farewell from Paul to many of his beloved acquaintances. But there is also sweetness when believers part, even upon death, because, according to God's promises in His Word, it is not a final goodbye (though it is a God-Be-With-You), but "until we meet again." With a nod to Pasto Deutschmann who always appreciates my command of the German language, it is actually, auf Wiedersehen "until we see each other again," Christian hearts beat in anticipation of seeing Jesus face to face in glory, and there is more. Those who are in Christ will be reunited in unbroken fellowship with one another in the presence of God. The faithful in Christ can confidently comfort one another with such wonderful truths. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18