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- 3. Guarded the treasure
  - 1 Timothy 6:20, 2 Timothy 1:13-14
- III. Future (v 8)

Crown of **righteousness** 

- 1. Given by the Lord
- 2. Given to **believers**
- IV. Application
  - A. Have I acknowledged the <u>reality</u> of my present situation?
  - B. When I remember the events of my past, are there **regrets** I need to address?
  - C. Can I claim the **assurance** of some future reward, some future crown?

Philippians 4:1, 2 Timothy 4:8, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4, 1 Corinthians 9:25

Revelation 4:10-11

"Turn your attention to things eternal. Turn your eyes away from the person who makes your life miserable. Resolve to clear away the trash of regret. Determine to stop dragging around the anchor of resentment and blame. Begin living in light of that eternal tomorrow. When you do that, you will discover an inner joy you've never known."<sup>1</sup>

## Next week: Christmas Eve services 5 & 6:30pm

<sup>1</sup>Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary, 1 & 2 Timothy - Titus, pg. 262

Paul's circumstances

- I. Present (v 6)
  - A. <u>Offering</u>

Poured out (Philippians 2:17, Numbers 28:7)

- B. Departure (journey)
  - 1. Analysis [analysis]
  - 2. <u>Release</u>
  - 3. <u>Moving</u>
  - 4. <u>Voyage</u>
- II. Past (v 7) (a look back)
  - A. **Fought** [agōnizomai] athlete contending in an event.

1 Timothy 4:10, 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, Ephesians 6:12

B. **<u>Finished</u>** [teleō]

John 19:30, Luke 22:42, Hebrews 12:1-2

- C. Faith
  - 1. Trusted the **Lord** (2 Timothy 1:12)
  - 2. Trusted the **gospel** (Galatians 1:10-11)