

Sources of Eternal Comfort

2 Timothy 4:9-22

Introduction:

A. Death

1. When faced with it, can make us realize our real p_____
2. Is no respecter of a_____

B. Eternal comfort

1. From what source will you derive your comfort?
2. 2 Tim 4:9-22 lists three eternal sources.

God's eternal f_____ (9-12,14,15,19-22)

A. Paul mentions several people

1. Demas – he loved the things of the w_____
 - a. He a_____ Paul (v. 10a; Col 4:14; Philemon 1:24)
 - b. If anything of this world causes us to d_____ away from our Christian family, we have our priorities wrong.
2. Crescens, Titus, and Tychicus (vv. 10b, 12)
 - a. Paul had to let these men go and m_____ to others, even though he yearned for their fellowship.
 - b. If we do not y_____ for Christian fellowship when we do not have it, then our priorities are wrong.
3. Luke, Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and many other believers (vv. 11a, 21)
 - a. These ministered to Paul while he was in prison.
 - b. After we have gathered together (Heb 10:24,25), we should be able to say that it was g_____ being together – church is t_____ sided – giving to others and receiving from others.
4. Mark, Prisca & Aquila, the household of Onesiphorus, Erastus, Trophimus, and Timothy (11b, 19,20).
 - a. Paul had connections with these people but had not seen them for a long time.
 - b. We should m_____ believers we have not seen for a while.

B. Surround yourself with people of God's eternal family and value that f_____ above the temporary things of this life.

God's eternal p_____ (13a, 16-18)

A. Temporary provisions are necessary for survival. Paul lists two.

1. His c_____ for warmth (v. 13a)
2. His s_____ from the lion's mouth (v. 17)

3. We should all t_____ the Lord for providing us clothes, food, safety, health, etc.
- B. Eternal provisions are much more important than temporary ones. Paul lists three.
1. God's eternal p_____
 - a. Though all abandoned Paul at his first trial, he derived eternal comfort from the Lord being w_____ him (v. 17)
 - b. Though Paul's death was fast approaching, Paul derived eternal comfort from the Lord bringing him safely to h_____ (v. 18).
 - c. The Lord promises that He will never l_____ us but will always be with us (Heb 13:5; Matt 28:20). – Hold on to that truth as you face life's difficulties.
 2. God's eternal p_____
 - a. Paul states that the Lord s_____ him to proclaim the gospel message to the Gentile audience at his trial (v. 17).
 - b. When we come together, we are to depend upon God's power to strengthen us in doing g_____ to each other (teaching, encouraging, helping, etc). – 1 Pet 4:11
 3. God's eternal p_____
 - a. Paul points out the promise of entering h_____ upon his death (v. 18).
 - b. There are over _____ promises in the Bible
 - 1) Conditional – must fulfill a condition to receive the promise (e.g. Matt 6:33)
 - 2) Unconditional – the promise will be fulfilled no matter what (e.g. – the second c_____ of Christ).
 - 3) Stand on the promises!

God's eternal w_____ (13b-15)

- A. Paul instructed Timothy to bring the books and the parchments, which is a collection of s_____.
1. Books – the Greek word is biblios from bublos which refers to the part of a papyrus plant used to make p_____). – the scriptures were written on such material.
 2. Parchments - refers to a_____ skins – the scriptures were also written on this kind of material.
- B. God's word is eternal
1. Matt 24:35; Is 40:8
 2. Derive eternal comfort from God's v_____ to you, the Bible.