

## The Bible

*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

### "Famous" Quotes about the Bible

*"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without the Bible."*

George Washington

*"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand."*

Mark Twain

## Speaker for Today

Thank you again, Alexis Brown

## June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador

## June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman

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# Indio Informer

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*"Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and do not lean on  
your own understanding."*

Proverb 3:5

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

## An Analysis of Analusis

By John Buttrey II

As the end of his life drew near, Paul found himself in (what many believe to be) a Roman dungeon. There in those cold, damp, and dark surroundings, he sent a powerful letter to Timothy. Today, we know this letter as Second Timothy. As the letter draws to a close, Paul urges the evangelist to come quickly, and before winter (2 Timothy 4:21). Like the letter, Paul's life was quickly drawing to a close. Uncertain about how many days he had left, Paul tells Timothy, *"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come."* (2 Timothy 4:6 Emp. Mine).

The word translated "departure" is the Greek word, *analusis*. It is from this word that we get our English word, analysis. This Greek word was used to describe the movement of an army, packing up the tents and departing to another location. Today, we might say, "We're pulling up stakes." Sailors would use the word to describe the loosing of a ship from its moorings, as it would depart to sea. The word was also used metaphorically, such as Paul does, to describe departing in death. Literally, the word described an unloosing. This is how it developed into the word analysis as we use it today. When we perform an analysis of something, we unloose or unravel all of the information or parts for examination.

It is this departing or separating of all the key components that gives us the intended analysis.

Knowing that his life was coming to an end, I find it interesting that in the next two verses of this letter, Paul does an analysis of his life. As he mentally unlooses and separates for examination the days of his life, he conclusively writes: *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”* (2 Timothy 4:7-8). These familiar verses are Paul’s analysis of his life. In them, he describes in summary his past, present, and future.

### His Past

Paul says he had fought the good fight and had kept the faith. How true! Bible students are familiar with Paul’s strong commitment to the Lord and his eagerness to spread the Gospel (cf. Romans 1:15-16). His past is well reflected in the words of Scripture. Yes, there was a time in his past when he was a violent persecutor of the church. However, because of his obedience to the Gospel, that part of his past was cleansed by the blood of Jesus and the grace of God! Paul described it like this:

*“I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He regarded me faithful, putting me into service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. It is a trustworthy saying and deserving full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost”* (1 Timothy 1:12-15 Emp. Mine).

### His Present

Describing his present situation, Paul says he had finished the course. In terms of his life, Paul was at the finish line. This is clearly seen when he writes, *“I am already being poured out as a drink offering”* (2 Timothy 4:6). To the Philippians, during an earlier and less threatening imprisonment, Paul used the same

expression. *“But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all”* (Philippians 2:17 Emp. Mine). To the Philippians, Paul likened his service for the Lord as the pouring out of a drink offering, full and complete. To Timothy, the same illustration is given, but here it seems to be connected with Paul’s life coming to an end. Hence, he adds, *“the time of my departure has come”* (2 Timothy 4:6). This was his present situation.

### His Future

Having analyzed his past and present, Paul does the same with his future. His analysis of all three areas of his life results in the apostle being more than confident. *“In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”* (2 Timothy 4:8 Emp. Mine). There was no doubt whatsoever in Paul’s mind about his eternal reward. Once again, it is as he wrote to the Philippians: *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”* (Philippians 1:21).

### Our Past, Present, and Future

All of us will experience a time of *analysis*, a time of departure from this life. Doing an analysis of our life right now, do we share Paul’s confidence? Are we fighting the good fight, or just fighting? Are we keeping the faith, or just obsessed with keeping? Are we still on course, or have you become lost? At some point in the future, our present is going to be our past. When we arrive at our time of departure, what do we want our past to look like? We have the *present* to shape what will one day be our *past*, and where we will spend our *future*. So, like Paul, let’s take some time and do an analysis of our *analysis*.

*“And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.”* (Hebrews 9:27).

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**Note:** Part of the above reminds me of “The Dash”...and part of this bulletin’s “theme”...“finish the course”. “When we arrive at our time of departure, what do we want our past to look like?” (Jim Burruss)