

# Finish It !

☐ Rev. 2.10 : “Be thou faithful unto death...”

# Warnings From Christ: Rev. 2/3

- 7 Churches of Asia: “Be thou faithful unto death>>>”
- **Ephesus**: “You have left your 1<sup>st</sup> love: Repent
- **Pergamum**: “you hold fast to my name but...
  - ❑ Doctrine of Baalam/Nicolaitans: Repent
- **Thyatira**: I know your works of love, service, faith, patience
  - ❑ But...allow sexual immorality / idols : Repent
- **Sardis**—dead; Repent; A few have not stained their garments.
- **Laodicea**: Lukewarm; Be zealous and Repent!

# : “*I Have Fought the Good Fight*”

## ☐ **War:** Battle

- 2 Tim.2.3: “must endure hardship...”
  - Discipline
  - Only the basics/not luxury
  - Teamwork
- ❖ King going to war—first sit down
  - Luke 14.31—Consider ability
- ✓ “...you must forsake all that you have or you cannot be a disciple of mine.”

**2 Tim.4.7**



# “I Have Finished the Race”

## ➤ 2 Timothy 4. 7-8

### ☐ Marathon Race:

- Training/Conditioning/Discipline

### ☐ Don't Have to Win—Finish!

- **2 Pet. 2.20-21**—*MUST Finish.*
- *Dog/vomit*
- *Pig / Dirty again*
- *Lk.16:” Remember”*

## ➤ Demas forsook Paul

- ☐ Loved this present world





# “See How the Farmer Waits...”

## ☐ **James 5. 7.8**—*The Farmer*

- ✓ Waits for the precious fruit
- ✓ Waits patiently for the rains
- ✓ You be patient
- **2Pet.3.9-13**—The Lord will come!
  - “The Lord is not slack...”
  - “as a thief in the night...”

☐ **Psa. 27.14**: *“Wait on the Lord;  
Be of good courage, And He  
shall strengthen your heart;  
Wait, I say, on the Lord!”*



# “Whether He Has Enough to Finish”

## ❑ Builder:

- First sit down—count the cost
- Do you have enough to finish?
- Mocked if you quit
  - ❖ He/she was not able to finish the project!
- **2 Pet. 2.20-21:** Better not even to start than to start and not finish! (Dog / Pig examples)



# Don't Live in the Past

- **1 Tim.4.12:** “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”
- **Lessons For Us:**
  - ☐ We miss Paul
  - ☐ Timothy, you are too young...
  - ☐ Brother Paul would have done it another way.
  - ☐ Not helpful!
- **Phil. 3.13-14:** “Forgetting those things that are behind...I press on...”

# “Finally, There is Laid Up For Me”

- The crown of righteousness--
- “The Lord the Righteous Judge will give to me and to all who love His appearing.”
- The Lord is faithful: (2 Tim.4. 17-18)
  - ❑ Will deliver us from every evil work
  - ❑ Preserve us for His heavenly kingdom
  - ❑ To Him be glory forever and ever!