

The Faithful Sayings of Paul

The Apostle Paul wrote thirteen books in the New Testament and the term “faithful saying” means “a teaching that is true and worthy of belief.”

Paul’s sayings can be summarised into categories:

1. Paul’s faithful saying on SALVATION. In 1st Timothy Verse 15 Paul said: “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” Paul who called himself a chief sinner was saved by the Gospel. Even the worst criminal can be forgiven and saved. Paul obtained mercy from the Lord and not what he deserved. In Titus Chapter 3 Verse 5 Paul said: “When the kindness and love of God our Saviour was revealed, he saved us. It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of his own mercy that he saved us, through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us.”

HYMN: What can Wash away My Sin? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 1:</u></p> <p>What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p>O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 2:</u></p> <p>For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p>O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 3:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 4:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.</p>

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2. Paul's faithful saying on SUFFERING. In 1st Timothy Chapter 4 Verse 9 Paul said: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those who believe." If you do anything for Christ, you will suffer rejection and persecution. Trusting in the living God is not always easy and enjoyable as new converts find out the cost of labouring and suffering for Christ's sake and glory. The Christian's attitude to suffering is one of patience and hope. In James Chapter 5 Verse 10 James said:

"My friends, remember the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Take them as examples of patient endurance under suffering."

HYMN: My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 1:</u></p> <p>My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 2:</u></p> <p>In ev'ry rough and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 3:</u></p> <p>Not earth, nor hell, my soul can move; I rest upon unchanging love. I trust his righteous character, his counsel, promise, and his pow'r.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>VERSE 4:</u></p> <p>When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFRAIN:</u></p> <p>On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.</p>

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3. Paul's faithful saying concerning SERVICE. In 1st Timothy Chapter 3 Verse 1 Paul said: "This is a true saying: If a man is eager to be a church leader, he desires an excellent work." There is a need for men to enter the ministry but not for selfish personal reasons. All Christians are to have an attitude of service toward one another. In Galatians Chapter 5 Verse 13 Paul said: "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

HYMN: I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today:

<p><u>VERSE 1:</u> I serve a risen Saviour He's in the world today. I know that He is living, Whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer; And just the time I need Him He's always near.</p>	<p><u>REFRAIN:</u> He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.</p>
<p><u>VERSE 2:</u> In all the world around me I see His loving care, And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that He is leading, Through all the stormy blast; The day of His appearing Will come at last.</p>	<p><u>REFRAIN:</u> He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.</p>
<p><u>VERSE 3:</u> Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs To Jesus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, The Help of all who find, None other is so loving, So good and kind.</p>	<p><u>REFRAIN:</u> He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.</p>

Alfred Henry Ackley (1887-1960)

4. Paul's faithful saying on REWARDS. In 2nd Timothy Chapter 2 Verse 11 Paul said:

"This is a true saying: 'If we have died with him, we shall also live with him. If we continue to endure, we shall also rule with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. If we are not faithful, he remains faithful because he cannot be false to himself'."

Believers are already dead to sin and yet alive in Christ. We are to live for Christ, walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. The denial spoken of in that verse has nothing to do with our salvation, which is by grace, but with our inheritance which depends on our good works and spiritual walk.

5. Paul's faithful saying on TESTIMONY. In Titus Chapter 3 Verse 8 Paul said: "This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men." How a believer lives is important. Day in and day out believers are to maintain a good testimony for Christ. We are never to take a vacation from our faith. Grace is the liberty to serve, not the license to sin. In 2nd Corinthians Chapter 5 Verse 17 Paul said: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Conclusion: The letters to Timothy and Titus are the last ones Paul wrote before his death. These faithful sayings are the basics of his teaching on the Christian life. These should be read, understood, memorized and applied together. May our Lord find us all faithful when He returns in the clouds for His bride!

Benediction: 1 Timothy 6:20 – Paul said: Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness. May God's grace be with you all."