

# IT IS A FAITHFUL SAYING

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“It is a faithful saying” The apostle Paul has four of these faithful saying. The first occurs in 1 Tim. 1:15. The next in 1 Tim.4:8. The third in 2 Tim.2:11. And the fourth in Titus 3:8. There’s a connection between these faithful saying and the believer that we can trace.

The first one is the foundation to which our eternal salvation lies. In the free grace of God shown to us in the mission and accomplished work of our Great Redeemer. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance; that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... I Tim.1:15.

The next affirms the blessedness which we obtain through this so great salvation. The blessings of time and eternity. For bodily exercise profiteth little: But godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. I Tim.4:8&9.

The third shows the duties to which the people of God are called; we are called to suffer for Christ with a promise. It is a faithful saying: For if we are dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: If we suffer; we shall also reign with Him... II Tim.2:11&12.

The last shows the continual active service of God’s children. We are required to diligently maintain good works. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. Titus 3:8.

The result of these faithful sayings: We shall be in the likeness of His resurrection- we shall live with Him; and be heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. And be glorified together with Him.

If we be planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: ... and if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. ... and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. **Rom.6:5,8. Rom. 8:17.**

Why would Christ do this? ... That He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. **Titus 2:14.**

We have traced the root of our salvation, the privileges of that salvation and the suffering with Christ and serving with Christ. Drenched with the benefits of the fruits of the Spirit. Treasure up these faithful sayings for yourselves; to guide, comfort and instruct.

The apostle Paul proved them faithful. They are faithful still; not one word has fallen or failed. So I exhort you to lay hold of these faithful sayings and prove their faithfulness for your selves. For they are profitable and worthy of all acceptance. **Amen.**

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