

Faith Comment**Publication Date: 1st May****Author: Esmé Kelly****Church: Petersfield & Liss United Reformed Church****What Legacy are you leaving behind?**

When people die, we often only hear at their funerals what they had done and accomplished in their lifetime. We hear about the people they impacted, the heights they climb, sometimes the sorrow they endured. Many times this would be the first time we hear these things said about the person who died. It's at funerals we hear about the legacy they have left behind.

In the Bible in the book of John, chapter 17, Jesus Christ prays His final prayer before his arrest, unjust trial, death on a cross, and on that glorious Easter morning, he rose. In this prayer Jesus in a sense, gave His eulogy. He says a few things from verse 1 – 26, but the one thing He says over and over, is that He came to earth to make His Heavenly Father known. In verse 4 He says, 'I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.' He accomplished all that He was tasked to do here on earth. The Apostle Paul said a similar thing before his death. In the book, 2 Timothy 4 verse 7, Paul says, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.'

Both Jesus Christ and Paul were confident that they have accomplished all that they were tasked to do by the time their time came to an end here on earth. Paul completed his race by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus completed His race by making the Heavenly Father known.

The legacy both Jesus Christ and Paul of Tarsus left behind is still impacting people today, more than two thousand years after they have left this earth. What legacy will you be leaving behind?