

**PAUL'S CERTAINTIES**  
**2 Timothy 1:12**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. We are living in an age of doubt; there is unrest in the social, economic, political, and religious worlds.
- B. Paul did not claim to know everything, but he did know some things, 1 Cor. 13:12.

**I. Paul knew that it was, and is, terrible to meet God unprepared, 2 Cor. 5:10-11.**

- A. Heb. 10:26-31; 12:29
- B. Adam and Eve meeting God, Gen. 3:10.
  - 1. People before the flood.
  - 2. Nadab and Abihu.
  - 3. Ananias and Sapphira.
  - 4. Herod's death – eaten by worms, Acts 12:20-23.
- C. We talk of Hell as a joke, but sin must be pardoned or punished.

**II. Paul was certain that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, Rom. 8:28.**

- A. Love God – 2 John 6a; Jn. 14:15 (*conditional*).
- B. *I Can Conquer Every Foe*, Ballington Booth

*The cross that He gave may be heavy, But it ne'er outweighs His grace;  
The storm that I feared may surround me, But it ne'er excludes His face.  
The cross is not greater than His grace, The storm cannot hide His blessed face;  
I am satisfied to know that with Jesus here below, I can conquer every foe.*

**III. Paul was certain that he had a perfect Savior, 2 Tim. 1:12.**

- A. Paul had suffered much but it was worthwhile for he knew (2 Cor. 11:23-28):
  - 1. Col. 3:24
  - 2. Heb. 7:25
- B. The Christian can sing, "*I know that my Redeemer lives, and ever prays for me.*"
  - 1. Heb. 2:18 (KJV) – "succour." Lit., to run to the cry of a child.
- C. You may know arts, science, literature, law, medicine, and philosophy, but do you know the Christ? Jn. 17:3; 1 Jn. 2:2-3

**IV. Paul was certain that God's child has a house not made with hands, 2 Cor. 5:1.**

- A. There are comforting statements in: Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Jn. 3:2
- B. James says we do not know what will be tomorrow, but we can know WHERE we will be tomorrow, Jas. 4:14.
- C. *I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day;  
I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray.  
I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said;  
And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead.  
Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand;  
But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.*

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**V. Paul was certain that he would receive this home, 2 Tim. 4:8.**

- A. Why could he be so certain?
- B. "I have kept the faith..." vs. 7.