

Four Things Paul Said He Knew

2 Tim. 1:12

Introduction:

- A. Paul did not claim to know *everything*. (Acts 20:22; 1 Cor. 1:16)
 - 1. Did not keep him from knowing many things.
 - 2. Did not cast doubt on the things he did know.
 - 3. We can know what he knew about the gospel (cf. Eph. 3:4)
- B. Paul specially mentions *four* things he knew.

Discussion.

II. “**I Know Whom I Have Believed.**” (2 Tim. 1:12).

- A. Not just “what”, but “whom.”
- B. Song, “I know that my redeemer lives”.
- C. We know He is able (Heb. 7:25).
- D. We know that we know Him by keeping his commandments. (1 John 2:2,3).

III. “**We Know That All Things Work Together For Good...**” (Rom. 8:28).

- A. “All things” of context: The work of Godhead in our redemption.
- B. God cares for His people. (1 Pet. 5:7; cf. Matt. 6:25-34).
- C. God overrules for good. (Phil. 1:12).
- D. God disciplines His children. (Heb. 12).
- E. God limits our temptations. (1 Cor. 10:12,13).

IV. “**Knowing therefore, the terror of the Lord.**” (2 Cor. 5:10,11)

- A. God’s past wrath.
 - 1. The Flood (Gen. 6).
 - 2. Sodom and Gommorah.
 - 3. Nadab and Abihu. (Lev. 10).
 - 4. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5).
 - 5. Herod. (Acts 12:20-23).
- B. God’s future wrath. (Rom. 2:5-11).
 - 1. Hell is no joke. (cf. Heb. 12:29).
 - 2. God either pardons or punishes - depends on us. (cf. 2 Pet. 3:9).

V. “**We know ... we have a building from God, eternal in the heavens.**” (2 Cor. 5:1).

- A. Tomorrow may be uncertain. (cf. Jas. 4:13-15).
- B. Heaven can be certain for the faithful. (cf. 2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Conclusion:

- A. What do you know?
- B. Do you that you are saved? You can, by obeying the Lord.