

I Know ...

#1 In a Series On Christian Confidence

Text: 2 Timothy 1:12

Introduction:

1. As we read our text, it is hard to even imagine the peace with which Paul lived! Not physical peace (he was about to be put to death!), but a much deeper, abiding peace that transcends the depth of one's being.
2. How would you like to have that same peace? Let's examine where this peace and assurance originates and then what it means in our life.

Discussion:

I. The Source

1. "I know"
2. While there are many philosophical ideas regarding knowledge today, God's teaching is clear! I can know (John 8:32) and that knowledge is known by God as faith (John 17:21, 23).
3. Satan enjoys nothing more than to hear some deny this basic fact and thus discard knowledge! (Hosea 4:6; 1 Peter 5:8)

II. What This Can Mean in My Life

1. 2 Timothy 1:12; John 17:3 - I can know God and many things about Him (cf. 2 Thess 1:6-9)
2. John 4:22-24 - I can know my worship is right
3. John 8:32 (Acts 17:11) - I can know the truth
4. Romans 8:28; Philippians 1:19-20 - I can know that everything will be O.K.!
5. 1 John 5:13 - I can know where I am going! (1 John 3:2; 2 Corinthians 5:1)
6. 1 John 5:15 - I can know I am never alone (cf. Matthew 28:18-20)

Conclusion:

1. These are but a few of the benefits which come from the wonderful knowledge God enables us to have. In subsequent lessons we will examine how we can have such assurance in our life. As we continue through the lessons I pray you and I will increase same peace and assurance that filled the life of the great apostle Paul.
2. What about you this morning? Do you desire to have a life like Paul? A life in which you do not let circumstances control you nor the life you live. Rather you are in control of your life - you are one who can say as did Paul... "I am ready..."