

PAUL KNEW SOME THINGS.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read the text: 2 Timothy 1:12.

B. Regarding the text:

1. 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.
2. We can know what he knew about the gospel (**Eph. 3:4**)

C. Paul mentions four things he knew.

I. "I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED" (2 TIM. 1:12).

A. Not just a casual acquaintance.

1. Not just "what", but "whom."
2. Song, "I know that my redeemer lives".
3. We know He is able (**Heb. 7:25**).

B. We can know that we know Him by keeping his commandments (1 John 2:2-3).

II. "WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD..." (ROM. 8:28).

A. All things" of context: The work of Godhead in our redemption.

1. God cares for His people (**1 Pet. 5:7; cf. Matt. 6:25-34**).
2. God overrules for good (**Phil. 1:12**).
3. God disciplines His children (**Heb. 12**).
4. God limits our temptations (**1 Cor. 10:12-13**).

B. Not all things are good. But they work together for our good.

III. "KNOWING THEREFORE, THE TERROR OF THE LORD." (2 COR. 5:10-11).

A. God's wrath is seen in a number of Bible passages.

1. The Flood (**Gen. 6:5-8**).
2. Sodom and Gomorrah (**Genesis 19:23-29**).
3. Nadab and Abihu. (**Lev. 10:1-2**).
4. Ananias and Sapphira (**Acts 5:1-11**).
5. Herod. (**Acts 12:20-23**).

B. God's future wrath (Rom. 2:5-11).

1. Eternal punishment is terrible to contemplate (**Heb. 12:29**).
2. God either pardons or punishes. That depends on us (**2 Pet. 3:9; Heb. 5:9**).

IV. "WE KNOW ... WE HAVE A BUILDING FROM GOD, ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS" (2 COR. 5:1).

A. Tomorrow may be uncertain. (Jas. 4:13-15).

B. However, heaven can be certain for the faithful. (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

V. CONCLUSION:

A. What do you know?

B. Do you know whether you are saved or not? You can, by obeying the Lord.