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THEME: The Christian

SUBJECT: The Rewarded Christian: Eternal Life

EXAMPLES: Paul and John

1. Paul's Certainties, or Paul's great "I knows." The "I knows" of the apostle Paul make up a glorious list. Out of the list we take three:
 1. "...For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Timothy 1:12
 2. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28
 3. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1
2. Looking closely at these three great statements, we find that Paul is certain of three things:
 1. That he has an almighty savior.
 2. That he has a loving Father ruling and ordering his life.
 3. That a happy home awaits him after death.

LET US CONSIDER THESE GLORIOUS CERTAINTIES. HERE THEY ARE:

1. "I know him whom I have believed..." What do you know Paul?
 1. I know Jesus Christ can save from sin. He was absolutely certain of this and he went through the world proclaiming it. Rom. 1:14-16
 2. I know that he is able to keep my deposit. Witnesses:
 - (1) He is able says Peter the denier. Matt. 26:69-75
 - (2) "He is able" says Zacchaeus the cheat. Luke 19:1-10
 - (3) "He is able" says the woman who was a sinner. John 8:1-11
2. "We know all things work together for good to them who love the Lord." Rom. 8:28
 1. It is not a matter of speculation or guesswork with Paul. HE KNEW IT!
 2. There was much that seemed most wrong in Paul's life.
 - (1) He was an outcast from friends and home.
 - (2) He suffered the venomous, baneful, spiteful attacks of false brethren. 2 Cor. 11:26
 - (3) He was afflicted through life with some painful disease which he called his "thorn in the flesh." 2 Cor. 12:7
 - (4) In spite of these things Paul was a rejoicing Christian. 2 Cor. 6:10
3. "For we know (no doubt, guess-work, or speculation) we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1
 1. Socrates and Plato speculated about what came after death. PAUL KNEW!
 2. The Christian does not speculate about a hereafter. HE IS CERTAIN OF ONE!
 3. The Christian knows that he has a building of God not made with hands.

THE CHRISTIAN REWARD IN THIS LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME

1. David's confidence. Psalms 23:1-6
2. The comforting words of Christ. John 14:1-3
3. Paul's evaluation of this life and the life to come. 2 Timothy 4:7, 8
4. John's word picture of heaven. Revelation 21:8

LET US WORK TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE GREAT TRUST GIVEN US IN THIS LIFE THAT WE MAY RECEIVE
THE CROWN OF LIFE