

Knowing He is Trustworthy

Scripture:

2 Timothy 1:12

2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV) For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Introduction

This verse reverberates with Paul's trust in His Savior. He is in the sprint toward his finish line. Yet without rancor or recrimination, he declares, "I know the One who has brought me this far is fully capable of handling those things I have placed in His hands."

I. Important details Paul omitted

2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV) ...for I know whom I have believed....

- A. He does not emphasize:
 - 1. What -- This is not a time for theological debate
 - 2. Where -- There is no reason to build a monument now
 - 3. When -- There is no "spiritual birthday" being celebrated
 - 4. Why -- There is no issue of intervening circumstances or persons
 - 5. How -- No discussion of the brilliant light or voice from heaven
- B. His only emphasis is on the person of Jesus

II. Two important details he gave

Acts 27:25 (NKJV) "Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

- A. I know whom I have believed

Know: 1492. eido, i'-do; a prim. verb; used only in certain past tenses, the others being borrowed from the equiv. G3700 and G3708; prop. to see (lit. or fig.); by impl. (in the perf. only) to know:--be aware, behold, X can (+ not tell), consider, (have) known (-ledge), look (on), perceive, see, be sure, tell, understand, wist, wot. Comp. G3700.

Believed: 4100. pisteuo, pist-yoo'-o; from G4102; to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), i.e. credit; by impl. to entrust (espec. one's spiritual well-being to Christ):--believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

- B. I am persuaded

Persuaded: 3982. peitho, pi'-tho; a prim. verb; to convince (by argument, true or false); by anal. to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); reflex. or pass. to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty):--agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) content, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

III. He is fully able to keep ...

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV) being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

- A. There is security in Him
- B. There is integrity with Him

IV. What I have committed to Him until that Day

2 Timothy 1:12d (NKJV) ...what I have committed to Him until that Day.

- A. Anything I yield to Him is secure
- B. Anything committed to Him is secure for all eternity