

"FOR I AM PERSUADED"
Romans 8:38-39 - [I Timothy 1:12
[I Peter 5:6-7]

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Doubt is a thief
 - 1) It robs us of trust
 - 2) It undermines our relationships

- B. Trust is the basis of contented relationships
 - 1) If we trust, we can be happy
 - 2) The basis of all good marriages, businesses, churches, etc.

- C. Paul trusted Jesus Christ
 - 1) He trusted Him to save his soul
 - 2) He trusted Him with his life's work

- I. Paul Was Persuaded to Commit His Soul and His Service to Jesus Christ II Timothy 1:12
 - A. "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed;"
 - 1) Paul suffered because of his calling
 - 2) vs. 11 - a preacher, an apostle, a teacher
 - 3) "ashamed" = epaischunomai = "to be of or at, to shame one's self upon, in or at"

 - B. "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."
 - 1) "believed" = pepisteuka = "to whom I have given my trust", "in whom I have put my trust, and still do put it", "I will never be shamed"
 - 2) "persuaded" = peitho = "to suffer one's self to be fully convinced by another", "to trust completely and yield to"
 - 3) "keep" = phulasso = "to guard", "to protect", "to keep watch over", "to be sleepless"
 - 4) "committed" = paratheke = "that which is committed to another, deposit" It is a legal term denoting something which one person places on trust in another's keeping.

- II. Paul Was Persuaded That Nothing Could Separate Us From Christ's Love vs. 38-39
 - A. "For I am persuaded, that neither death nor life"
 - 1) "persuaded" = peitho = (see above)
 - 2) "death" = thanatos = "the natural end of life"
 - 3) "life" = zoe = "to breathe the breath of life"

B. "nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers"

- 1) "angels" = aggelos = "messenger", "one who is sent to tell or deliver a message" Paul means any spirit being.
- 2) "principalities" = arche = "the highest dignitaries of state"
- 3) "powers" = dunamis = "inherent power" Things that have power to accomplish a thing.

C. "nor things present, nor things to come"

- 1) "present" = enestota = "to be at hand", "to place in", All present events and circumstances.
- 2) "to come" = mello = "to be on the verge to have happen to one", "certain to take place"
- 3) The things that are happening now to us and all the things that are certain to happen to all of us.

D. "nor height, nor depth" vs. 39

- 1) "height" = upsoma = "high position", "elevation", "that which is exalted or lifted up", "achievement"
- 2) "depth" = bathos = "depth", The lowest circumstances to which one may fall. The prodigal son.

E. "nor any other creature"

- 1) "creature" = ktisis = "a founding", "that which was created" Nothing that has been created.
- 2) "nor any power in the whole creation" Con.

F. "shall be able to separate us from the love of God"

- 1) "able" = dunasetai = "shall have the power to do it", "will be able, from dunamis = "power"
- 2) "separate" = chorizo = "to put apart"

G. "which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"

- 1) "the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ"
- 2) It is always, "in Christ"!

III. What About The Real World?

I Peter 5:6-7

A. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

- 1) "humble yourselves" = "an act of trust!"
- 2) "due time" = "the right time"

B. "casting all your care upon him: for he careth for you"

- 1) "casting" = "throw off an old garment"
- 2) This is trust!
- 3) He cares!