

# MESSAGE

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TITLE : OUR CERTAINTIES IN THE MIDST OF THE UNCERTAINTIES OF TODAY  
Text/s :

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## INTRODUCTION

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## BODY

Paul had so much certainty in the things which he declared.

Acts 20:22-24

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, **not knowing the things that shall befall me there:**

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 **But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus,** to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

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His declaration of “none of these things move” really resulted to his having fought a good fight, having finished his course, and having kept the faith. Then he further declared of his surety of having a crown of righteousness....

Such surety. Such confidence. Such certainty in the midst of the uncertainties he faced during his day.

Just what was in him?

But then he said,

2 Tim 4:8

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: **and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

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Paul meant that his certainties must also be our certainties!

One of best certainties we have is found in Rom 8.

Here are some certainties laid down for us here:

Rom 8

1 **There is therefore now no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in **Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 **But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 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.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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- 1) The certainty of no condemnation
- 2) The certainty of being made free from the law of sin and death
- 3) The certainty that we shall be quickened because of the Spirit that dwells in us.
- 4) The certainty that as we have His Spirit, we are certain that we are children of God.
- 5) The certainty that as we are His children, we are also heirs and joint heirs with Christ
- 6) The certainty that no the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to revealed in us.
- 7) The certainty that of the redemption of the body.
- 8) The certainty of the Spirit's intercession
- 9) The certainty that all things will work our for good to them who have the love of God
- 10) The certainty that we are secure in His love.

These are but some of the certainties we have. So what do we do with them?

Heb 3:7-19

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,  
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:  
9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.  
10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.  
11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)  
12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.  
13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.  
14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;  
15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.  
16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.  
17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?  
18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?  
19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.  
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Heb 4:1-12

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.  
2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.  
3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.  
4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.  
5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.  
6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:  
7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.  
9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.  
10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.  
11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.  
12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.  
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**In the faith that pleases God, we take hold of the fact that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek the truth of His word!**

Heb 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.  
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The Apostle Paul took so confidently the certainties that come with the knowledge of Christ, to the point that he let go of all that the world affords him.

Phil 3:8-15

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

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#### His love provides certainty

Eph 3:19

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

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#### His peace provides certainty

Phil 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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Gal 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

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2 Tim 1:7

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

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1 Cor 2:9

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

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Rom 8:28

28 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.

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#### Peter also had the same hold of those certainties.

1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

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1 Peter 5:4

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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And John!

1 John 2:20-21

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

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1 John 2:27

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

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1 John 4:6-13

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

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All of them took hold of how the Lord keeps them in His love.

John 14:20-21

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

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John 14:23

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

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1 Peter 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

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James 1:12

1 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

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See the sequence...

By His Word we have faith.

In faith we receive Christ.

When we receive Christ, He receive His Spirit.

His Spirit makes us to be grounded and rooted in His love and we come to know His love.

When we come to know His love, we love the brethren.

When we love the brother, His word becomes even more true to us, His love is perfect.

When this happens, we have all the surety that is necessary. No fear. No doubts.

Eph 3:16-19

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

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1 John 4:11-19

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

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- We run so that we may obtain an incorruptible crown
  - We run to obtain and everyone who runs may obtain.
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- We fight not as one that beat the air
  - Our fight is not one that is without
  - Lack of knowledge
  - You lose sense of the value of the fight
  - The fight is a losing proposition
  - Apathetic
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- We run not with uncertainty
  - If you stop running in one that is
  - Because You do see the end
  - You do not the vaue of your run

- You think your run is insignificant
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## CONCLUSION