

- Background: Paul had spent time in prison at Philippi, at Caesarea, at Jerusalem and at Rome. His first time at Rome was one of the longest ‘stretches’ that Paul spent in prison, yet it was a very lenient experience. Friends came and went, and he wrote prolifically there. Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon were all written during his first Roman imprisonment. After his release, Paul spent time possibly visiting Ephesus, Macedonia, Nicopolis, Crete, Miletus, Troas and Spain according to his letters. For about six years Paul moved about freely while knowing that he was a marked man. Finally, Nero had enough of the ‘secret societies,’ which in his mind included the church. After Nero burned Rome and put the blame on Christians, Paul was re-arrested, and in his final imprisonment he wrote what have been called the pastoral epistles, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus.
- **While Paul was in prison, he looked forward to a special day. It was not the day of his release, but the day of his _____ from earth to glory.**

I. We should not be Ashamed (v. 8)

- *Paul’s concern was that we not be ashamed. . . .*

A. About being _____, a believer in Christ.

B. In verse 8 he told Timothy and us to not be ashamed of the _____, nor of _____.

1. Do we have no testimony to give of Him?

2. Is He not a _____?

3. Is He not a _____?

4. Our testimony is that which we have _____, not what we have read about Him.

C. That could only happen if we are not His, if we have _____

D. It could happen if we do not lead a holy life. (v. 9)

II. We should not be Asleep

- In Mark 13:36, as Jesus taught of the imminent arrival of “that day”, He says, *“if He comes suddenly, do not let Him find you sleeping.”*

A. Paul's attitude was that he had _____

1. Appointed a herald, a _____.
2. Having accepted the gospel, he was now committed _____.
3. In Mark 13, each servant had an assigned task.
4. That 'day' should not catch us slumbering.

B. Paul's attitude also says to have _____.

C. He had a _____ to pay.

D. Paul had a goal in mind; it was _____.

III. We should not be *Adrift*

- *Paul told Timothy that we have no need to worry or to seek less turbulent waters because we are anchored.*

A. Kept – “I know whom I have believed . . .”

1. Paul is dogmatic –
2. Romans 8:35-39: _____ will keep us without controversy.

B. Paul speaks of a rich treasure that he has, and he entrusts it to _____
_____.

1. It cannot always be said that the believer knows - What will happen in our life; or When the blessing or trials will come; Where our life will lead us in the world; Whether we will always be faithful; or Why the trials or difficulties will come.
2. Paul reminds us that we _____ will keep us unto and in that day!

- That is the essential as we look forward to “That Day”.