THE SEAL OF CERTAINTY

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Since COVID-19 we have been confronted with a deadly disease. Medical science has developed won-derful vaccines to protect us, but there is still uncertainty. Will variations not be covered?

Uncertainty is a very human attitude. How will we cope if something unexpected happens?

In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul lists many experiences which tested his faith.

Imprisonment, beatings, storms at sea, threats to his life, and abuse, were all encountered. Yet he stood firm. To the Romans, he wrote this:

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, no power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Rom 8:38-39)

Reflection:

The seal of certainty for Paul was his meeting with the risen Lord on the Damascus Road. Nothing could destroy the reality of that experience, although he was sorely tested many times.

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