

PHILLIPIANS 2-4 PAUL'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY: CHRIST MY PASSION

Prison epistle from Rome, A.D. 61 (breaking camp, loosing a ship from mooring and death). As a 55-57 year old warrior,

- converted on Damascus road near thirty, prepared for 10 years at home and in Arabia
- off on first mission at 40
- now scarred, bent and in prison, a 25+ year veteran of the ministry of the cross... He spoke from his heart.
- more than any chapter in word of God, this is Paul's heart laid bare. An intimate look...

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- As a master word crafter using the vast resources of Koine Greek on the anvil of spirit breathed inspiration. He supports such clear word pictures from slaves to senators who got the message.
- He lays out the book in such clear order.

CHRIST MY PASSION

Chapter 1 He is the principle I live by! V. 21 "for to me to live is Christ"

Chapter 2 He is the pattern I copy from. V. 5 "let this mind..."

Chapter 3 He is the prize I seek for. V. 14 "I press (bear down) upon"

Chapter 4 He is the power I draw upon. V. 13 "I can do all things through Christ"

50.7 3:1-11

Past

-Accountant

"I count" (v. 7) hegemai

-New values

50.8 3:12-16

Present

-Athlete

"I press" (v. 14)

-New victories

50.9 3:17-21

Future

-Allen/other worldliness

"I look" (v. 20)

-New vision, transforming gaze...

Chapter 3

Christ our passion "know Him"

1. Principle life "live = Christ"
2. Pattern "let this"
3. Prize "I press toward the Mark for the Prize" v. 14
4. Power "do all things through Christ", v. 13