

# Church Chat @ Home



May 10, 2020

## "PASSIONLESS APATHY"

**Philippians 1:21 – 28**

**New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

### **Life Worthy of the Gospel**

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

*Footnotes:*

- a. [Philippians 1:27](#) Or *in one spirit*

## NOTES from Pastor Peter's Sermon:

### Main Truth:

1. Passion Has Life \_\_\_\_\_ Power.
2. Meaninglessness \_\_\_\_\_ In Our Culture Today.
3. True Passion \_\_\_\_\_ With God.
4. God's Passion Is \_\_\_\_\_ To Us In Christ.
5. The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ Our Passions Around The One True Passion.

Background Notes on the passage: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Passion Has Life Changing Power.

When we see examples of people who exhibit passion we see what the human heart is capable of and the impact that it can have on others and our world.

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*Passion has power to help one thrive in desperate times!*

Paul was living in desperate times, yet as you read this letter you can see him thriving in the midst of adverse circumstances.

## 2. Meaninglessness Prevails In Our Culture Today.

*We are living in the most technologically sophisticated time in history, with access to instant information about nearly anything unimaginable, not even a generation ago. We live in a time of choices, opportunities, highest standards of living, etc. – YET, we are living in a time of passionless apathy.*

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### 3. True Passion Begins With God.

Our passion flows out of our understanding of God. If you take the atheistic view of life that there is no God, you have to follow it all the way.

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### 4. God's Passion Is Released To Us In Christ.

So how do we tap into God's passion? Do we learn it? Do we take a class? Do we sit under a tree and meditate upon it till we get struck with lightening or reach some sort of enlightenment?

Look-up and write John 17:1 – 5: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Christ lived for the passion of His Father! And His prayer and dream is that we also experience this glory – this Passion for His Father and the Father's passion for his Son!*

How is this Passion released to us? \_\_\_\_\_

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We read about Paul's passion for Jesus in **Acts 20:24** and **Philippians 3:7 – 8**.

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

Where is Passion found? \_\_\_\_\_

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“Outside of Christ there is no law, no hope, and no meaning. You, and you alone, are the determiner and definer of these essentials of life; you, and you alone, are the architect of your own moral law; you, and you alone craft meaning for your own life, you and you alone, risk everything you have on the basis of the hope you envisage— if you choose to live without God.”

-Ravi Zacharias, Can Men live without God?

## **5. The Gospel Reorders Our Passions Around The One True Passion.**

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“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth. Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn.” — John Wesley

### *Application Questions:*

1. What are some things that you get the most excited about in life? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why does Paul get so passionate about knowing and serving Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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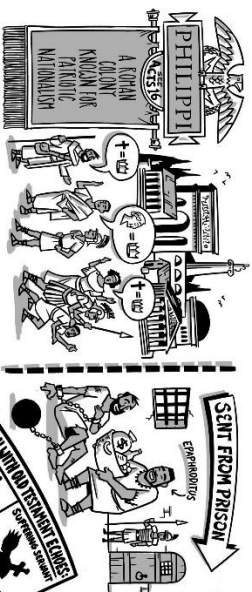
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3. How does Jesus become our one true passion in life? Why is this so important? \_\_\_\_\_

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# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

## A UNIQUE WINDOW INTO PAUL'S HEART & MIND

- HE SAID HIS LIFE AS A REMNANT OF JESUS' STORY
- HIS AWARENESS OF JESUS' LOVE & PRESENCE GAVE HIM HOPE & HUMILITY
- KNOWING JESUS IS DEEPLY PERSONAL & TRANSFORMATIVE

### 1:1-11 OPENING PRAYER



### 1:12-26 PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT



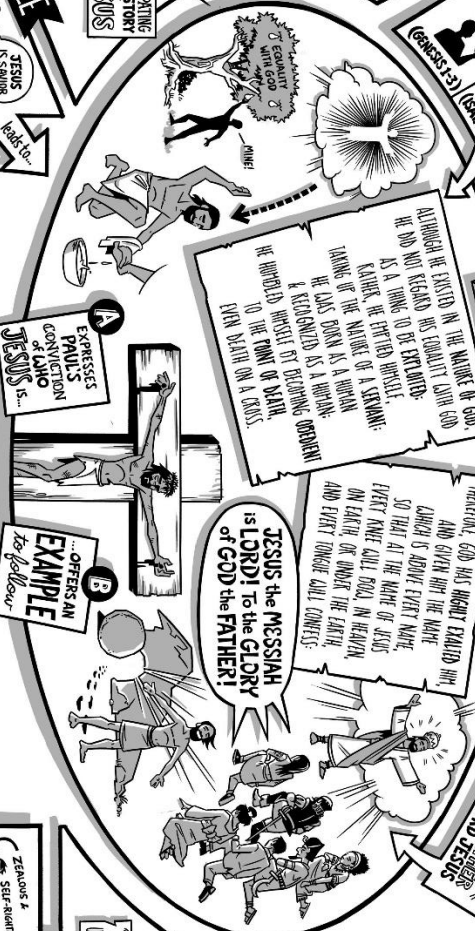
### EXECUTION

### RELEASE

### 1:27-2:18 FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE



### 2:6-11 THE MESSIAH POEM



### 2:19-30 TWO EXAMPLES



### 4:10-23 CLOSING THANKS



### 4:2-9 CHALLENGE TO LIVE THE EXAMPLE



### 3:1-4:1 PAUL'S EXAMPLE

