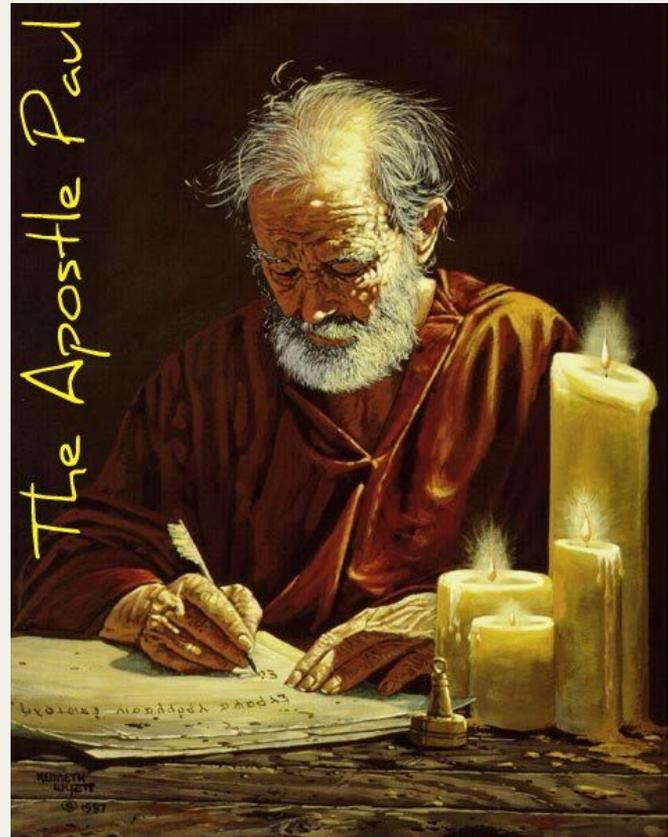


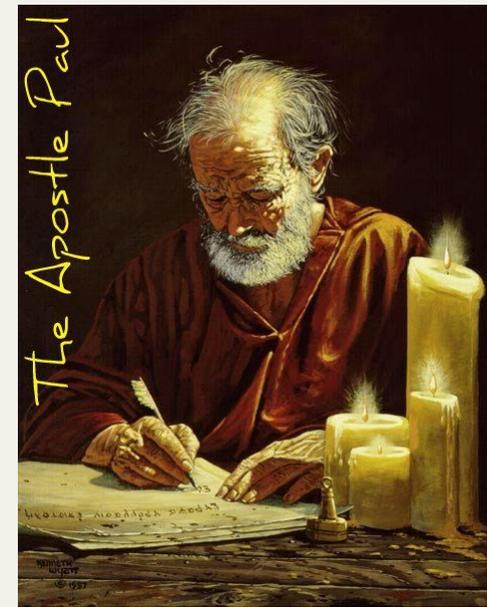
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AS I IMITATE
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*A Year Of Studying The Life Of
Apostle Paul*



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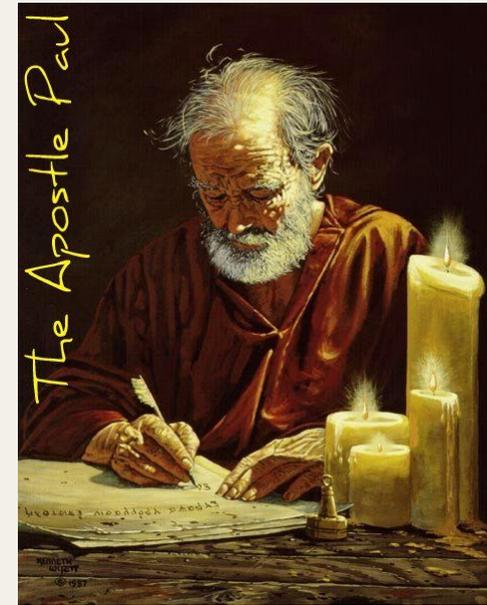


- Mentor: “an experienced and trusted adviser; one who trains another, especially a younger colleague”
- “Counselor, guide, tutor, teacher, advisor, confidant”
- “A mentor is not someone who walks ahead of you to show you how they did it. A mentor walks alongside you to show you what you can do.”
- The Mentor Leader: Jesus Christ (*Matthew 20:25-28*)

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Was Mentored

- Acts 11:30 “Barnabas and Saul”
Acts 12:25 “Barnabas and Saul”
Acts 13:2 “Barnabas and Saul”
Acts 13:7 “Barnabas and Saul”
- Acts 13:43 “Paul and Barnabas”
Acts 13:46 “Paul and Barnabas”
Acts 13:50 “Paul and Barnabas”
Acts 15:2 “Paul and Barnabas”
Acts 15:35 “Paul and Barnabas”



“But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.” Acts 9:27

Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people.

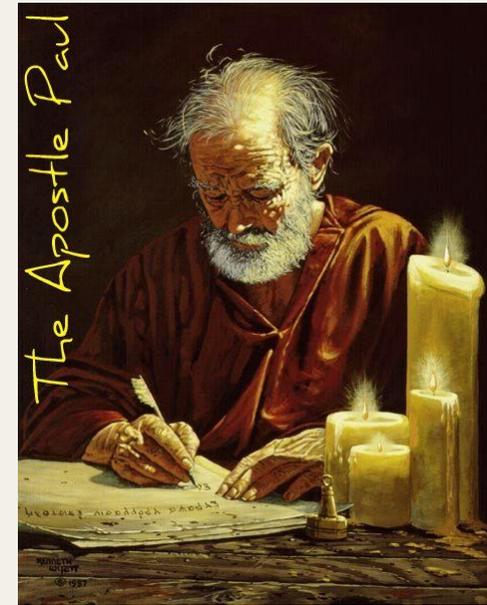
Acts 11:25-26

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- 2 Timothy 2:1-2

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.



Barnabas

Paul

Timothy

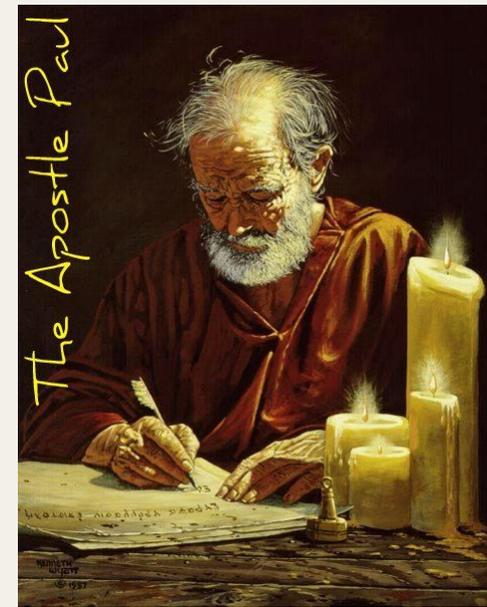
Faithful

Others

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- Acts 9, 11, 13-28
- Romans
- I & II Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- I & II Thessalonians
- I & II Timothy & Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews (?)



We Can:

1. Know What He Knew
2. Do What He Did
3. Go Where He Went

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We Can Know What He Knew

■ Ephesians 3:1-4

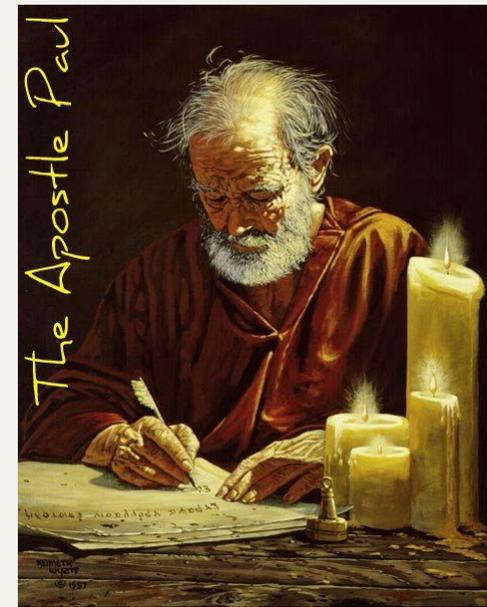
“...When you read you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ”

■ 2 Peter 3:15-16

“...As also our beloved brother Paul ... in all his epistles ... are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction”

■ 2 Timothy 2:15

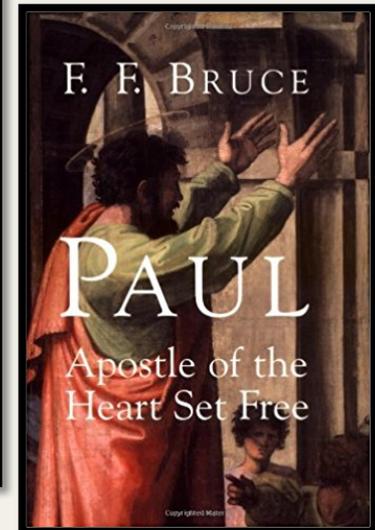
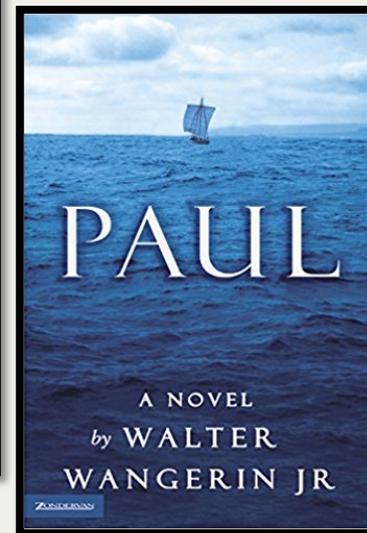
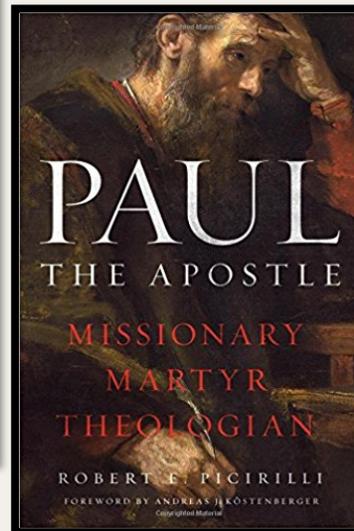
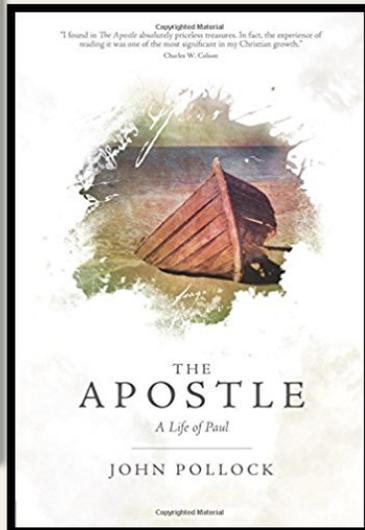
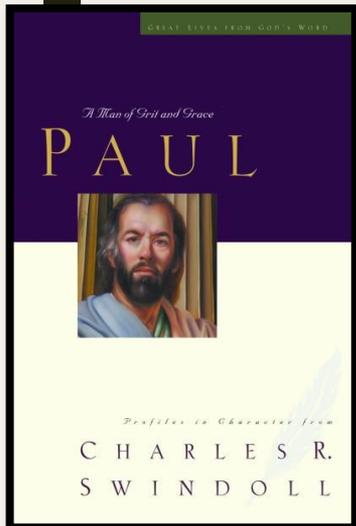
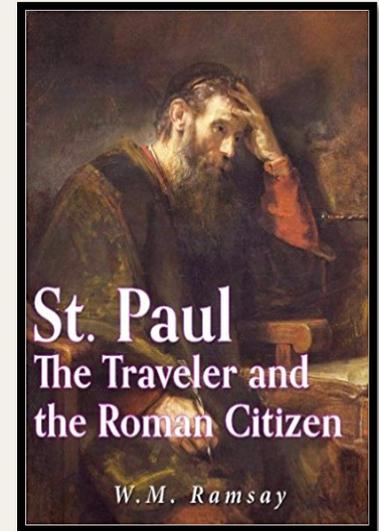
“Be diligent to present yourself approved unto God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”



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We Can Know What He Knew

- Books On Paul's Life



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We Can Do What He Did

■ Do As I Say – AND – As I Do

Edgar Guest: "I'd Rather See A Sermon"

■ Imitate Me

1 Cor. 4:16 "I urge you, imitate me"

1 Cor. 11:1 "Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ"

Eph. 5:1 "Be imitators of God as dear children"

Phil. 3:17 "Join in following my example...you have us for a pattern"

Phil. 4:9 "The things you learned, received, heard, saw in me, do!"

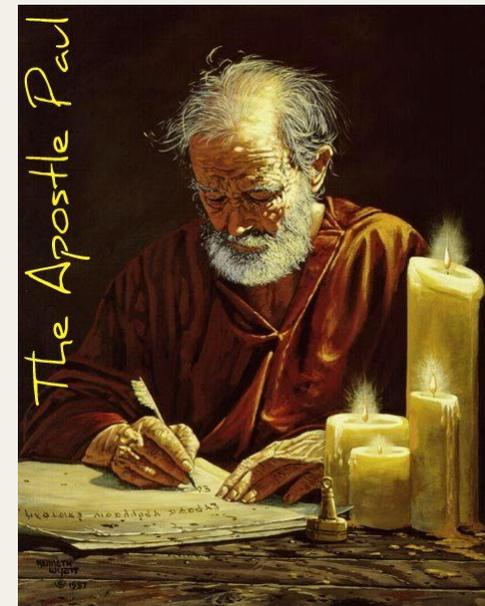
1 Th. 1:6 "You became followers of us and of the Lord ...

You became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia"

2 Th. 3:7 "You know how you ought to follow us"

2 Th. 3:9 "To make ourselves an example of how you should follow us"

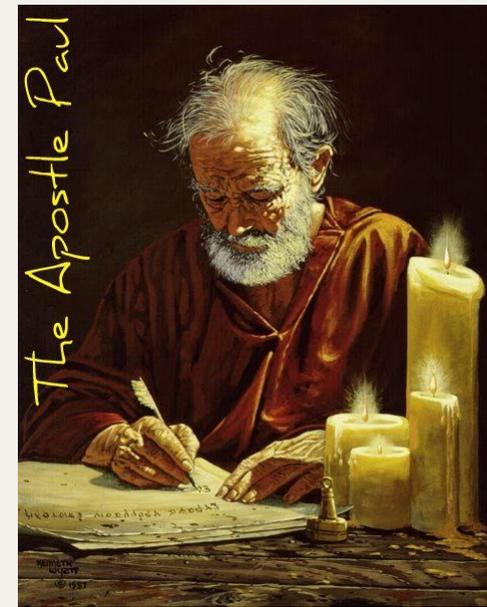
1 Tim. 1:16 "That in me first ... as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life"



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We Can Do What He Did

- W.W.J.D.
- Paul's Life: *"That I May Know Him"*
Philippians 3:7-11



7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

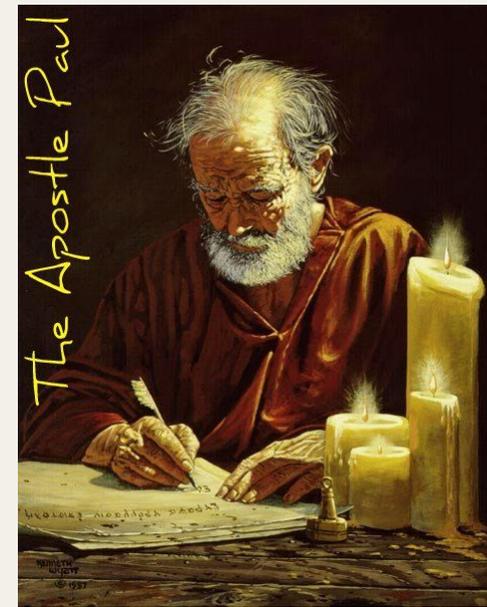
11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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Do What He Did

We Can Talk Like Paul

- “The Lord Jesus Christ”
- 94 Acts sermons (5x) Epistles (89x)



1 Cor 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in **Christ Jesus**, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of **Jesus Christ our Lord**, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

1 Thess 1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

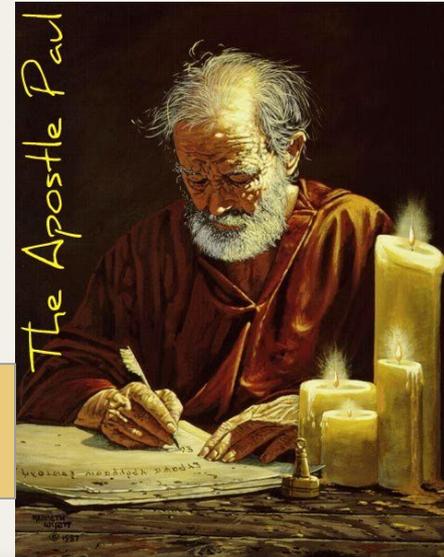
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Do What He Did

We Can Sing Like Paul

Ac 16:25 "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."



The Apostle Paul

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Words: Naida Hearn

Music: Naida Hearn

Je-sus, name a-bove all names; Beau-ti-ful Sav-ior,
 glo-ri-ous Lord, Em-man-u-el,
 God is with us; Bless-ed Re-deem-er, Liv-ing Word.

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Jesus Loves Me!

Words: Anna B. Warner

Music: William B. Bradbury

1. Je-sus loves me! this I know. For the Bi-ble tells me so;
 2. Je-sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gate to o-pen wide;
 3. Je-sus loves the chil-dren dear. Chil-dren far a-way or near,
 4. Je-sus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol-ly Thine;

Lit-tle ones to Tim-be-long, They are weak but He is strong.
 He will wash a-way my sin, Let His lit-tle child come in.
 They are safe when in his care, Liv-ing day and ev-ry-where.
 On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee.

Chorus
 Yes, Je-sus loves Me! Yes, Je-sus loves Me!
 Yes, Je-sus loves Me! The Bi-ble tells me so.

More About Jesus

Words: E. E. Hewitt

Music: Jno. R. Sweney

1. More a-bout Je-sus would I know, More of His grace to oth-ers show;
 2. More a-bout Je-sus let me learn, More of His ho-ly will dis-cern;
 3. More a-bout Je-sus in His word, Hold-ing com-mun-ion with my Lord;
 4. More a-bout Je-sus on His throne, Rich-es in glo-ry all His own;

More of His sav-ing full-ness see, More of His lov-er who died for me.
 Spir-it of God, my teach-er be, Show-ing the things of Christ to me.
 Hear-ing His voice in ev-ry line, Mak-ing each faith-ful stay-ing mine.
 More of His king-dom's sure in-crease, More of His com-ing, Prince of Peace.

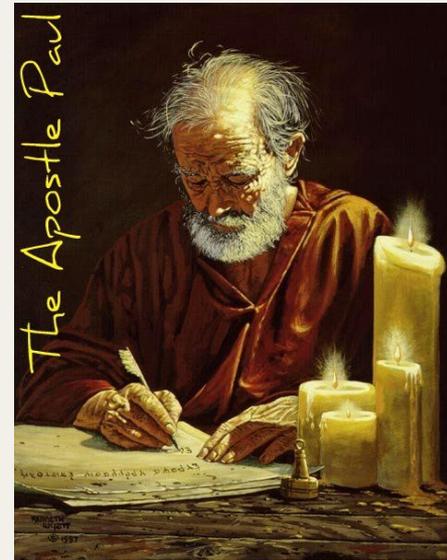
Chorus
 More, more a-bout Je-sus, More, more a-bout Je-sus;
 More of His sav-ing full-ness see, More of His love who died for me.

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Do What He Did

We Can Pray Like Paul

Ac 20:36 “And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.”



Rom. 1:8 *“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all...”*

1 Cor 1:4 *“I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God ...”*

2 Cor 1:3 *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...”*

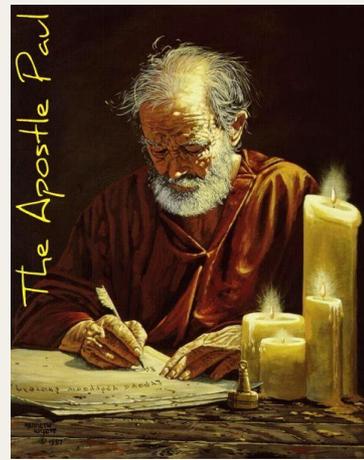
Eph 1:16 *“I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:...”*

Phil. 1:3 *“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine...”*

Col 1:3 *“We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you...”*

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We Can Go Where He Went



■ 2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Finally, there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

■ 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

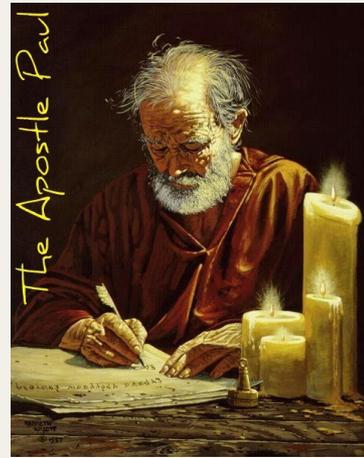
7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be **present with the Lord.**

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We Can Go Where He Went

■ Philipians 3:17-21



17 Brethren, **join in following my example**, and note those who so walk, as **you have us for a pattern**.

18 ***For many walk***, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—***who set their mind on earthly things***.

20 **For our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.