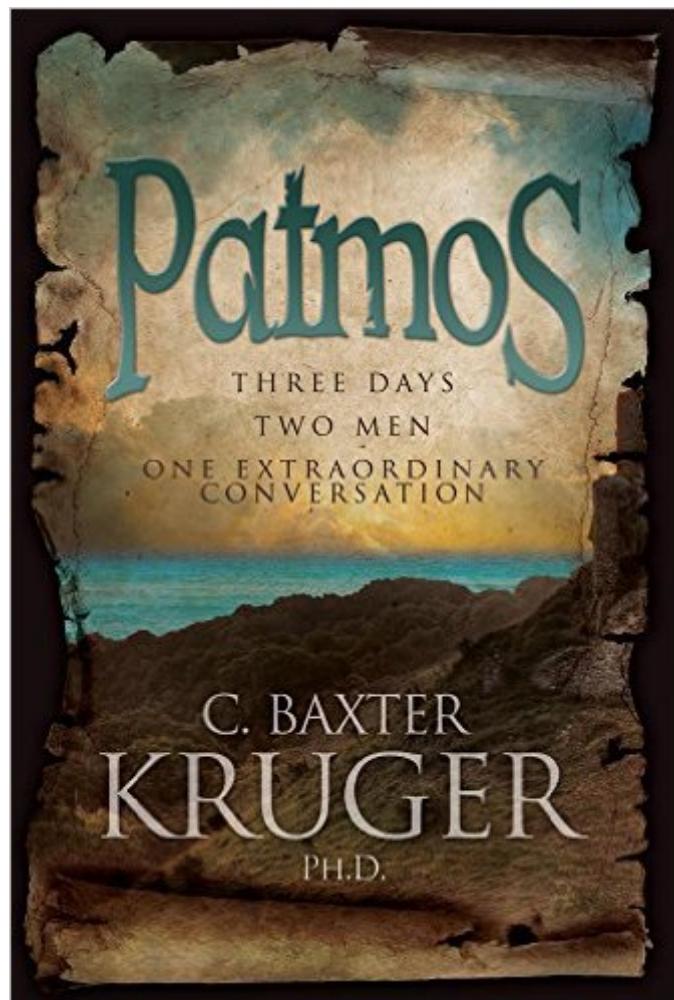


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# Patmos: Three Days, Two Men, One Extraordinary Conversation



## **Synopsis**

Aidan, a burned out, suicidal theologian from Mississippi mysteriously travels back in time to the Isle of Patmos, where he meets the aged apostle John. Thus begins an extraordinary 3-day conversation, with tormenting flashbacks to his childhood, mind-blowing visions and revelations, sorrow and joy. Aidan has a thousand questions, St. John wants to know about history, but his abiding mission is Aidan's liberation. Through love and dreams and astonishing discussions the wise apostle reveals the lie of all lies • separation from God • preparing Aidan for a life-changing discovery. Aidan has a vision of heaven and beholds the Lamb upon the Throne of all thrones, with the entire cosmos flowing from his side, leaving him speechless in hope. John proclaims, "In that day you shall know that I Am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you," as the secret of all waiting to be discovered. The Holy Spirit shares a vision with John of the next awakening in Western history, and the great apostle commissions the restored Aidan to preach the truth of all truths.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Theology often stirs expectation (fears really) of stuffy, boring, irrelevant religious science. Patmos breaks that expectation and discards the fear. Reading it connects you with the original passion of the gospel writers. Here comes your most important choice...union or separation? Did God come to humanity in the incarnation as Jesus, teach us what a righteous life could look like, bear our sins on the cross, rise again to prove he did it right, then ascend to heaven and leave us separated but with

an opportunity to find our way there by 'finding' him? Or...did Jesus come to us as the one sent by the Father to find us, reconcile us to his Father and ours, and gather us into his very life and face-to-face relationship (union) with the Father by destroying the power of sin, death, and deception in which we were all ensnared? In reading Patmos, I experienced a very clear, life-giving, and entertaining nudge to help me confidently engage and answer these most important questions. I recommend this book with great enthusiasm.

I read the Kindle version (the paperback doesn't come out until September). This is a very fun but meaningful story of a "vision" of time travel between the author and the Apostle John. It has great humor, drama, but most importantly - it includes some great theology. It may be fiction, but the reader will be truly inspired in one's understanding of John's writings.

Union or separation? This, the question to begin and end all questions, is the central matter of concern in Baxter's quasi-fictional true autobiography, "Patmos." This is no mere tale; this is Good News, news that our world was made to hear, news that all of us must hear. This is the Gospel as proclaimed by John, Polycarp, Irenaeus, Athanasius, the Cappadocians, Maximus the Confessor, Luther, Barth, and the Torrances, all made amazingly accessible to a 21st century audience. Soak in Truth to which this masterpiece bears witness, taste the freedom, and receive new eyes to live in this "tribulation of enlightenment."

With all the down-to-earthness of Baxter's previous writing and teaching, blended with an incomparable vision of the oneness and love between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit and our participation, we are drawn into a compelling dialogue that opens our hearts and minds to the reality of Jesus fully entering our darkness in order to release mankind into our freedom in Christ. I was frequently overcome with tears at the beauty of this vision and its implications for my own life as I danced in my heart with John and Aidan on the island of Patmos!

What if...what if you could meet the Apostle John and have a long conversation with him in your language? What would you ask him? What would he ask you? Perhaps St. John, like any other writer, would wonder how his words were understood. Perhaps you would have an intense curiosity to see if what you've been taught in your Christian tradition catches the heart and spirit of St. John's letters. Baxter Kruger's PATMOS provides an exciting "what if" scenario where a 21st century theologian meets this 1st century Apostle. PATMOS is a wonderful story filled with many subtleties

deserving numerous readings and deep thinking.

Some books inform the mind. Others, through the mind inform (and transform) the heart. An example of the latter is Baxter Kruger's latest book "Patmos." It's a marvelous example of the use of extended parable--telling a story to touch people at a very deep level. In this case Baxter tells a story that unpacks the heart of the gospel and taught by the apostle John in his Gospel and the book of Revelation. It also explores the way the gospel was unpacked by the early church fathers in the Nicene Creed. A powerful book, indeed.

The ultimate question is: In your deepest, innermost being, how do you think God feels about you, really? When the Father, Son and Holy Spirit talk about you, what do they say? What do they see? Are They indifferent and maybe even disappointed because you don't meet Their legalistic standards? Or, are you the pinnacle of Their creation, the object of Their passion, and the one in whom They delight? Are you grinding it out, building a bridge to the Father, Son and Spirit by trying to be good because you feel distant, maybe even estranged? Or, do you have the complete assurance that there is nothing that can separate you from the circle of life and love in the Trinity? And therefore, no need for bridge building because you know there is no gap to span--you are already included, adopted into the "togetherness" and intimate communion They share. Your answer to these questions will shape everything about your life. Baxter Kruger resides in that rarified space among truly gifted writers. He has an uncanny ability to convey deep, fresh theological insights and make them accessible. His words come alive and speak to a profound longing hidden in our souls. One of the foremost thought leaders in Trinitarian Theology, Kruger's books are relevant, refreshing and transformational. Patmos is no exception. This story is riveting and entertaining. I laughed, cried and fell to my knees in worship. Most important, my eyes have been opened and my heart awakened to the Union I was made for. If you want to be free and live loved, you must find out who and Whose you are. Patmos has the answer.

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