
PAUL'S COMPANION - "ERASTUS"



The apostle Paul is known to most Christians for being the man who first brought the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentile nations. But Paul also had some help from other lesser known men who traveled alongside himself in spreading the Gospel.

One such man was **Erastus**, an early disciple of Jesus Christ. He is mentioned briefly in the Bible in Romans 16:23 which says:

"Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. *Erastus*, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings."

And again in 2Timothy 4:20: "Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick."

Confirmation of his existence and his title was found in the city of Corinth. Archaeologists working on an excavation of a first century road uncovered a stone with the inscription:

"Erastus, Commissioner of Public Works"

According to the Bible, Erastus was also one of the earliest Evangelists who spread the gospel to the Gentiles.

Acts 19:22 records: "So he (Paul) sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus"

THE GREATEST LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM ERASTUS WAS THAT HE OBEYED THE FOLLOWING COMMAND SPOKEN BY JESUS CHRIST:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:15-16



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