

# **Paul, His Life and Teachings**

## **Paul's Letter to Philemon**

### **Lesson 33**

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Have you ever wanted to persuade  
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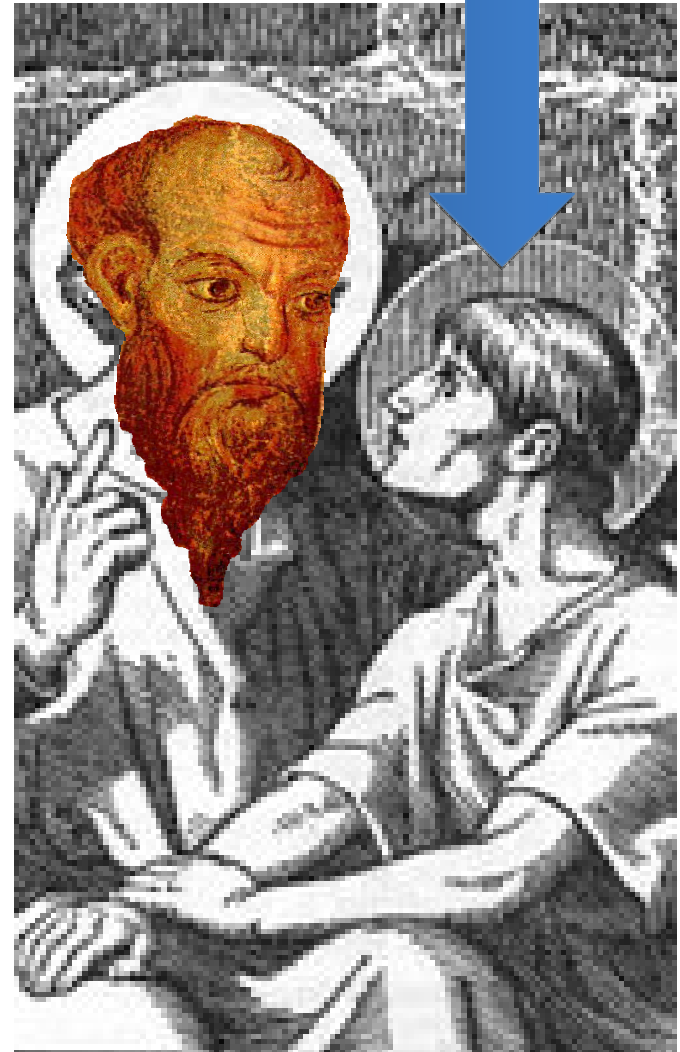
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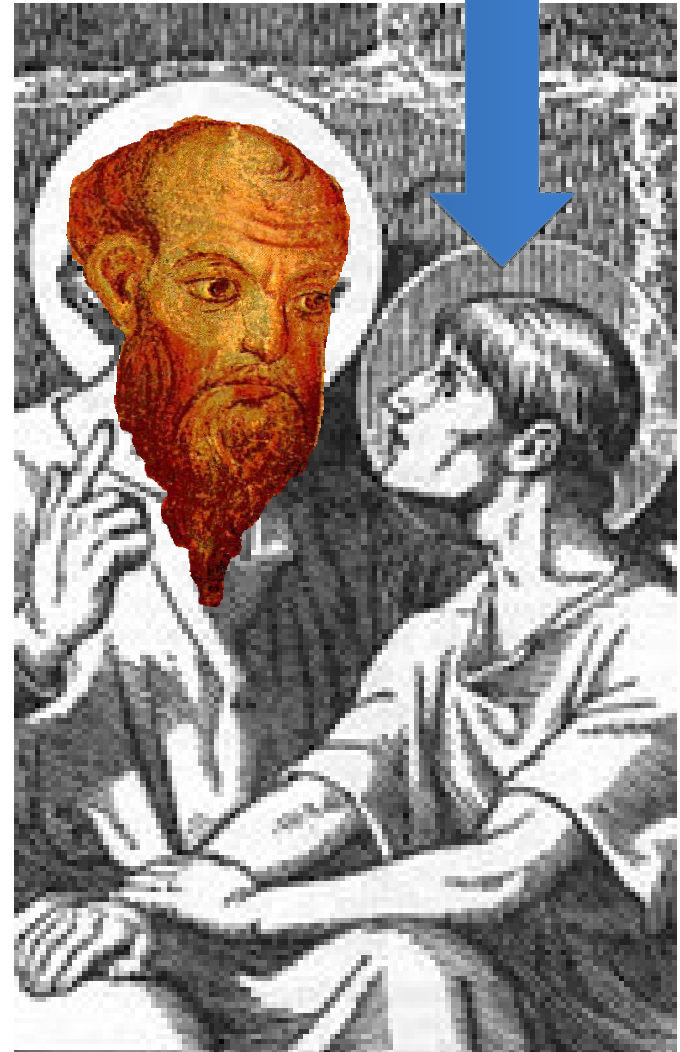
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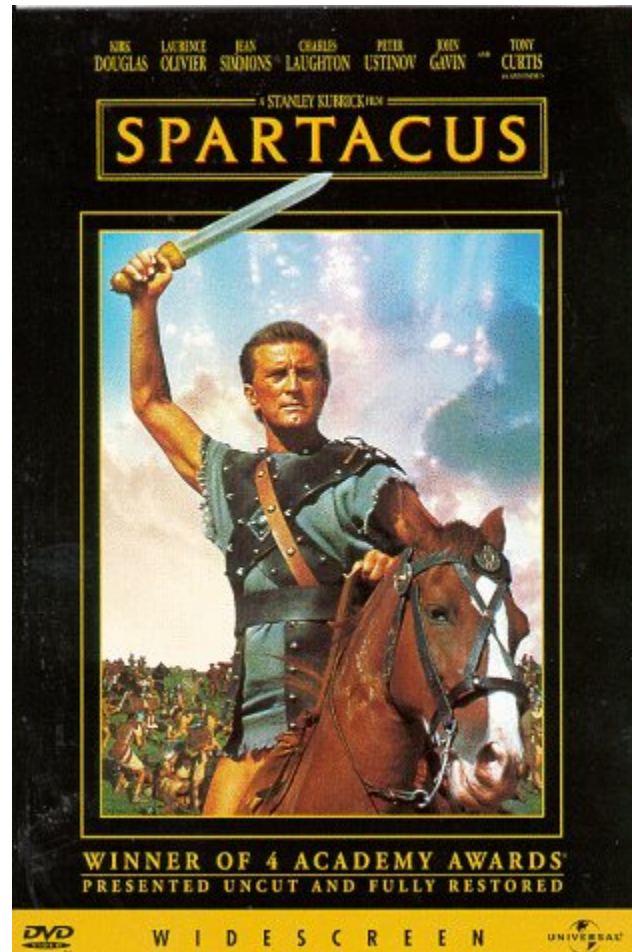
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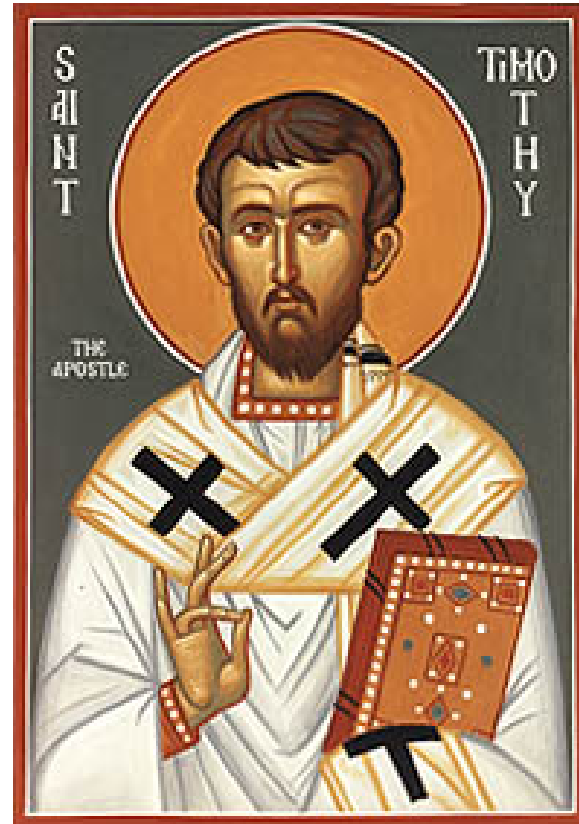




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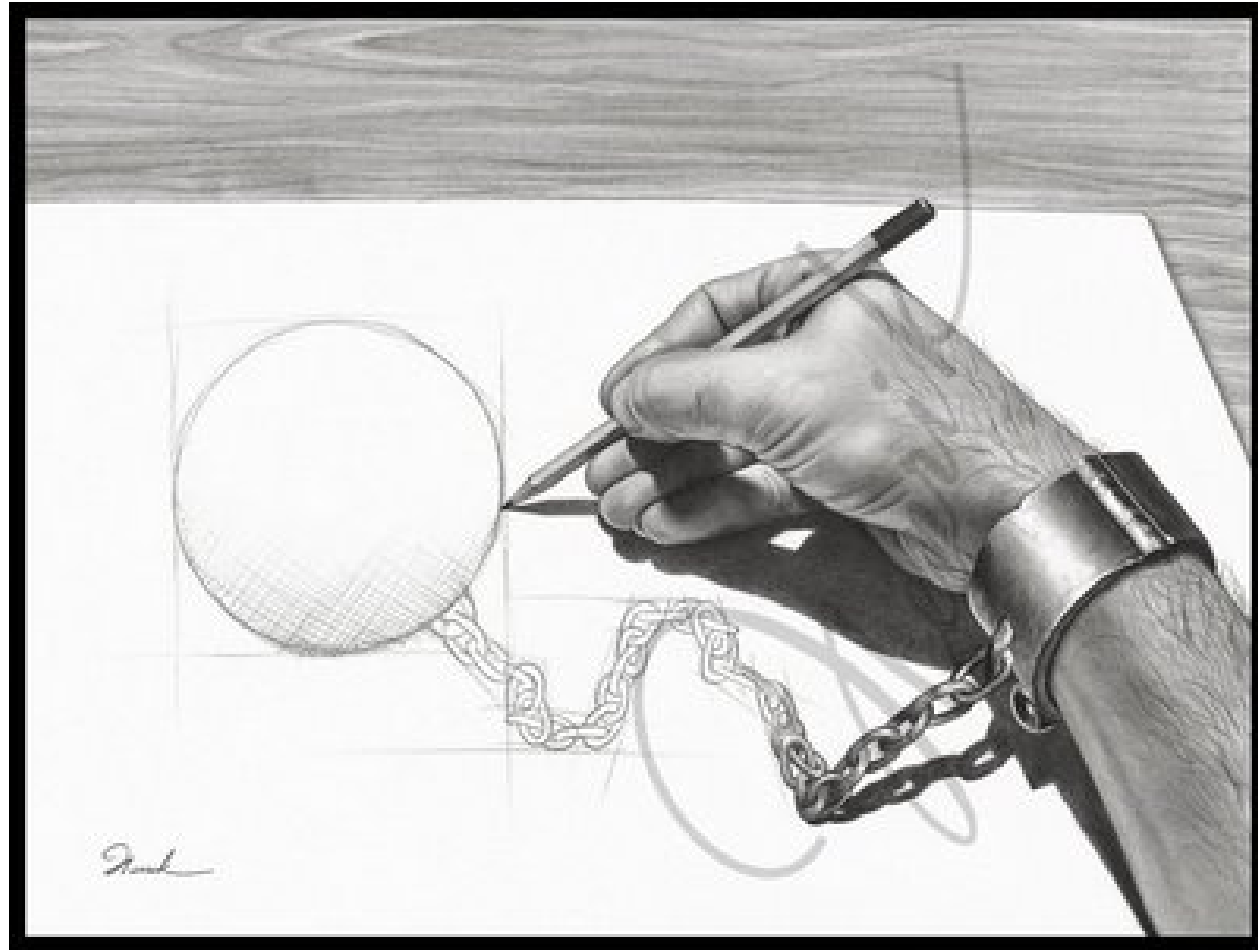


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“Y’all” becomes “just you”

“Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus and  
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“To Philemon *our beloved* fellow worker and Apphia *our* sister and Archippus *our* fellow soldier, and the church that meets in your house” (1-2)





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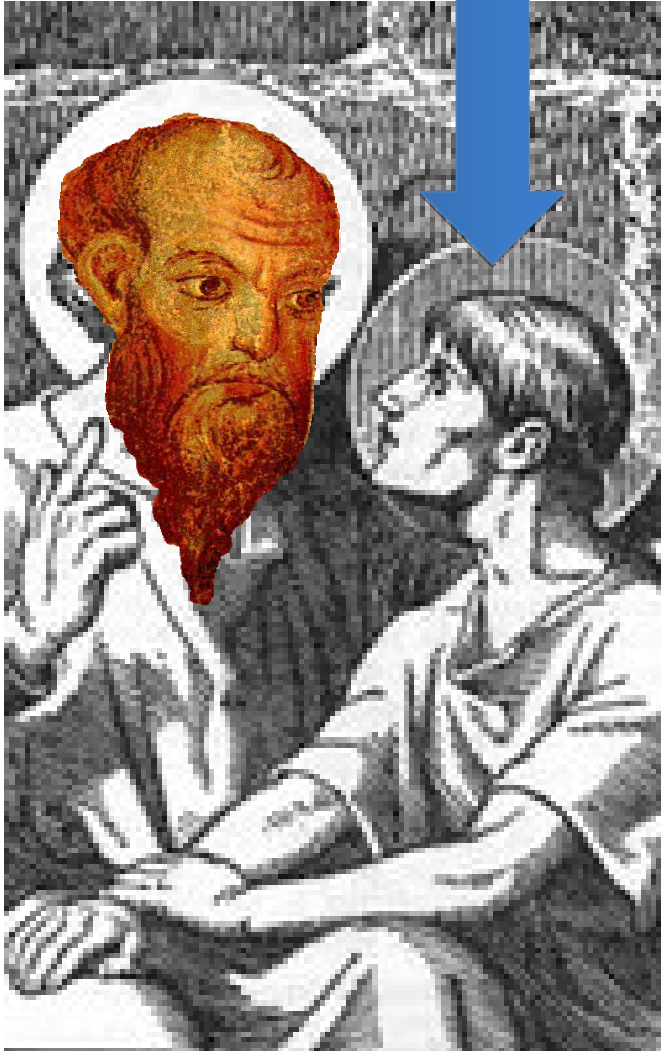


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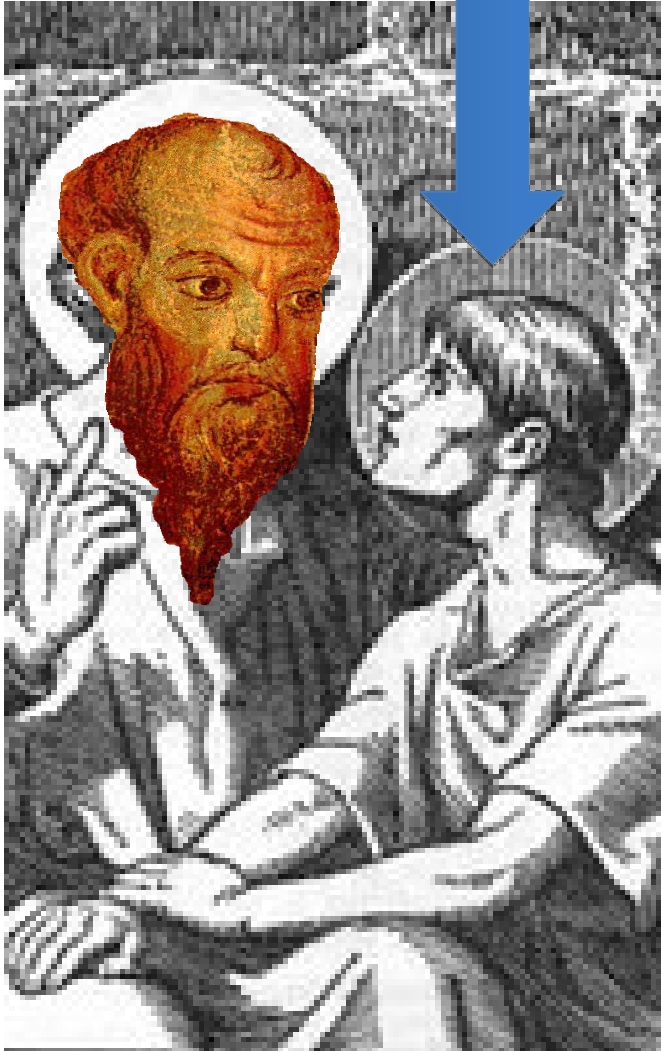


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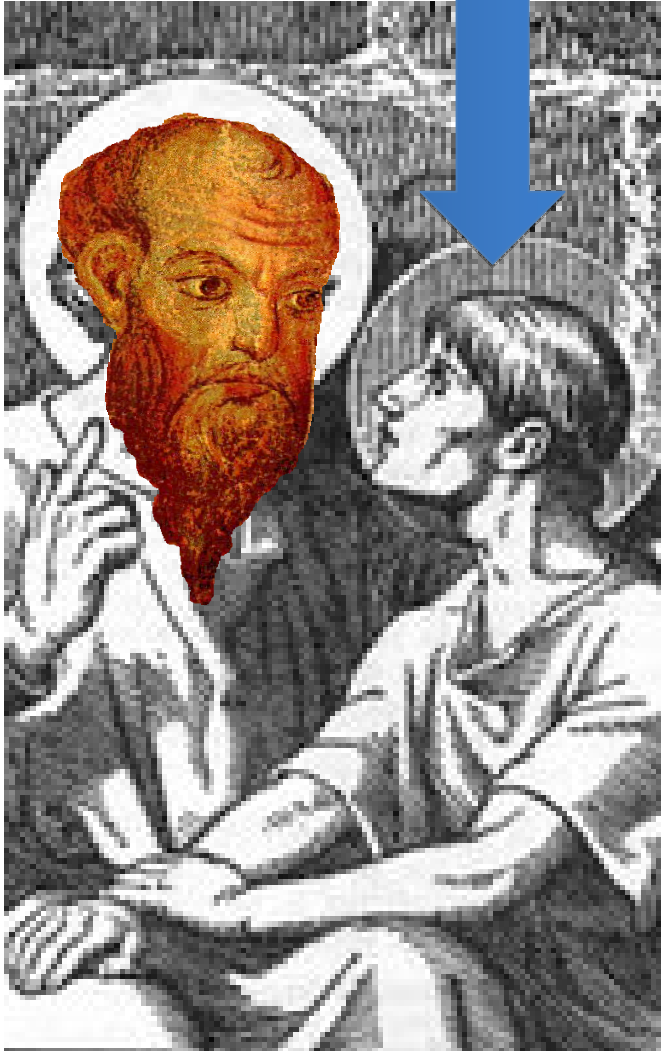




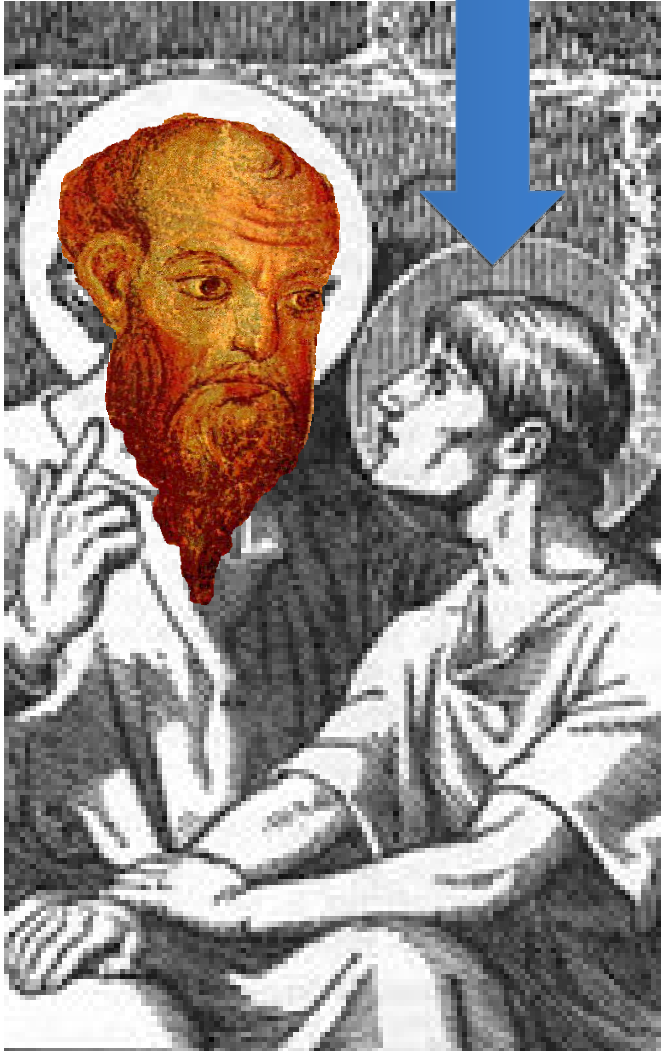
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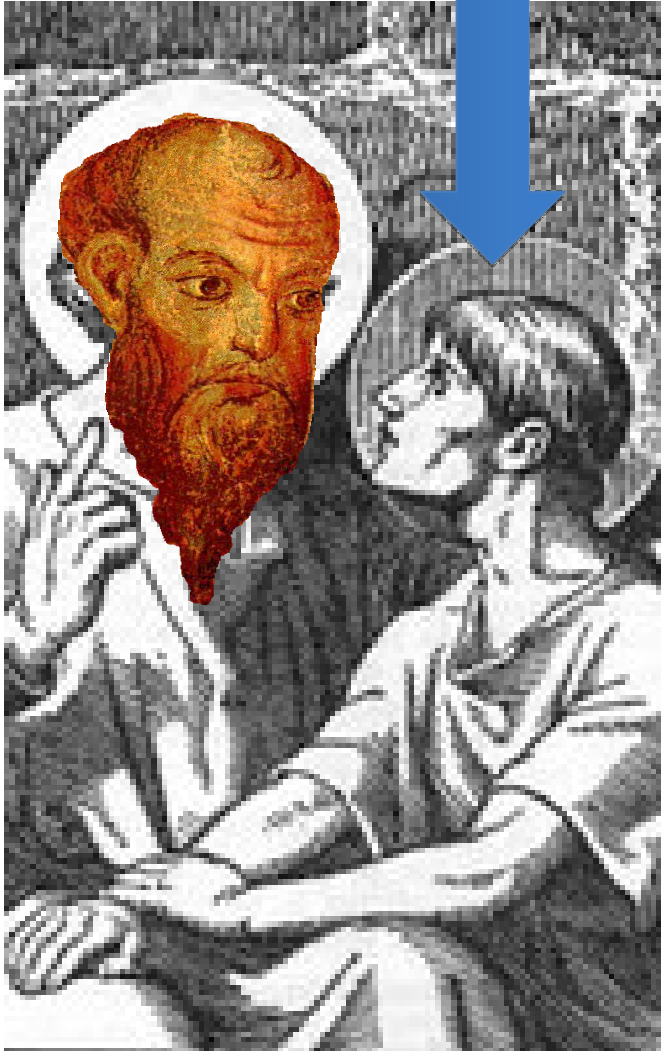
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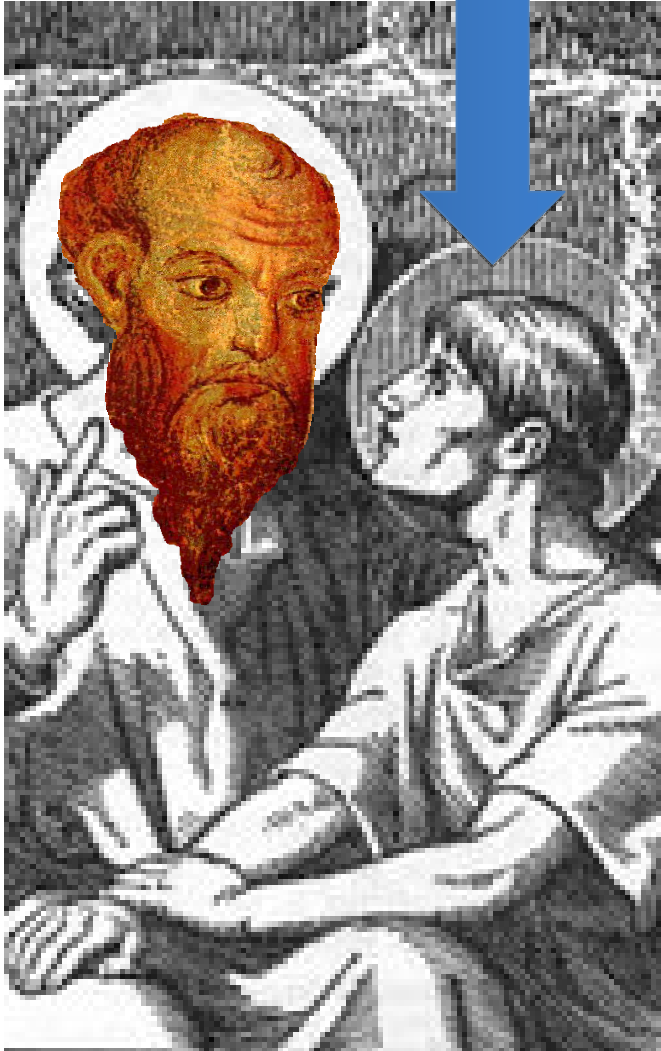
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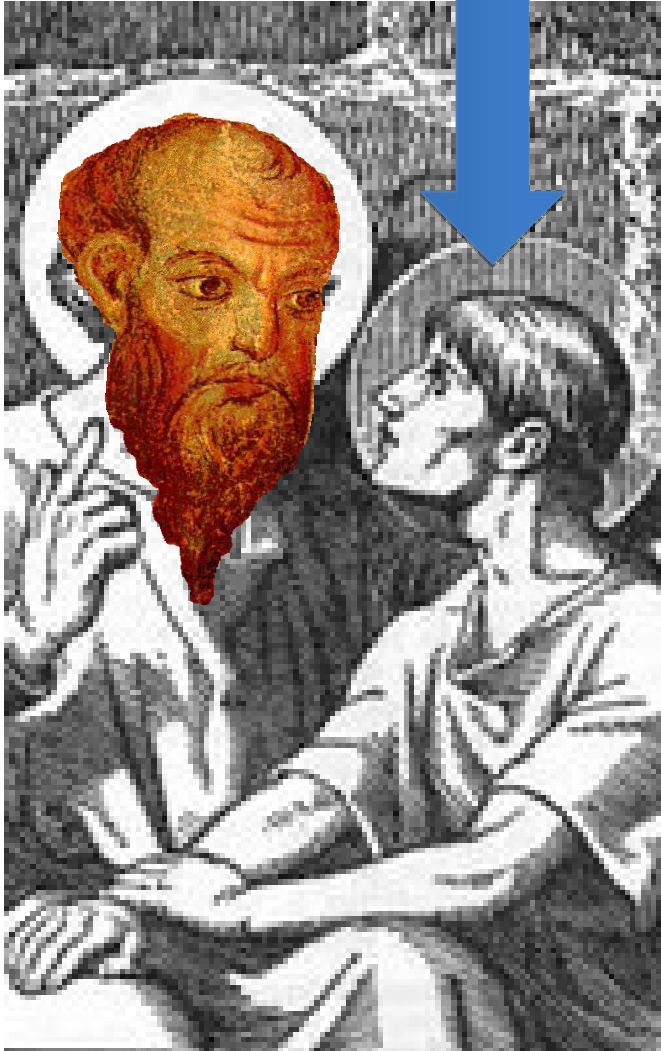
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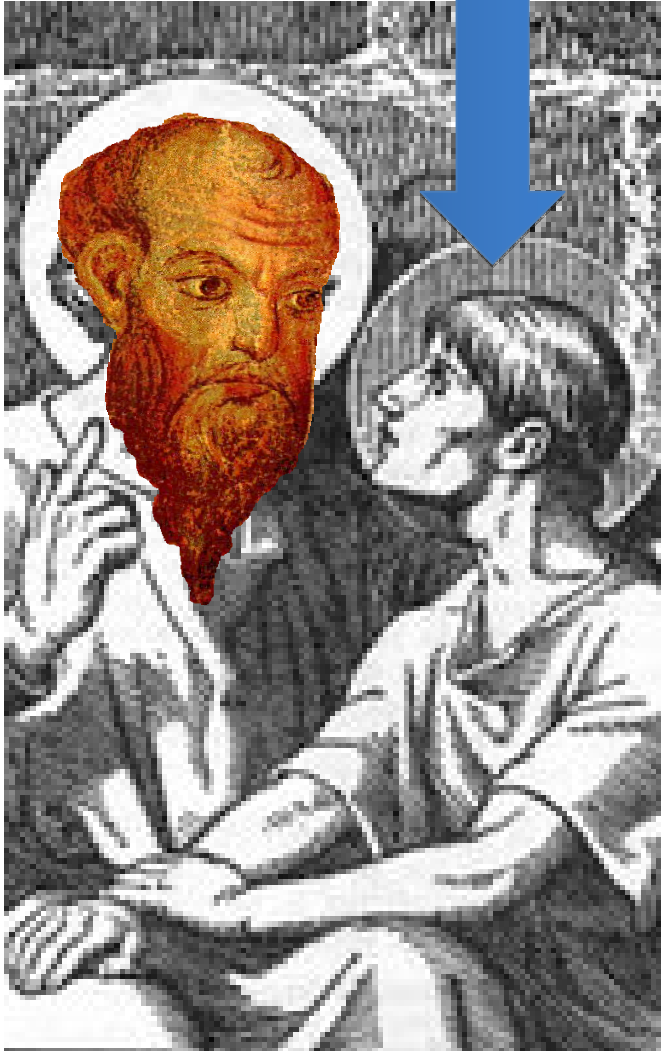


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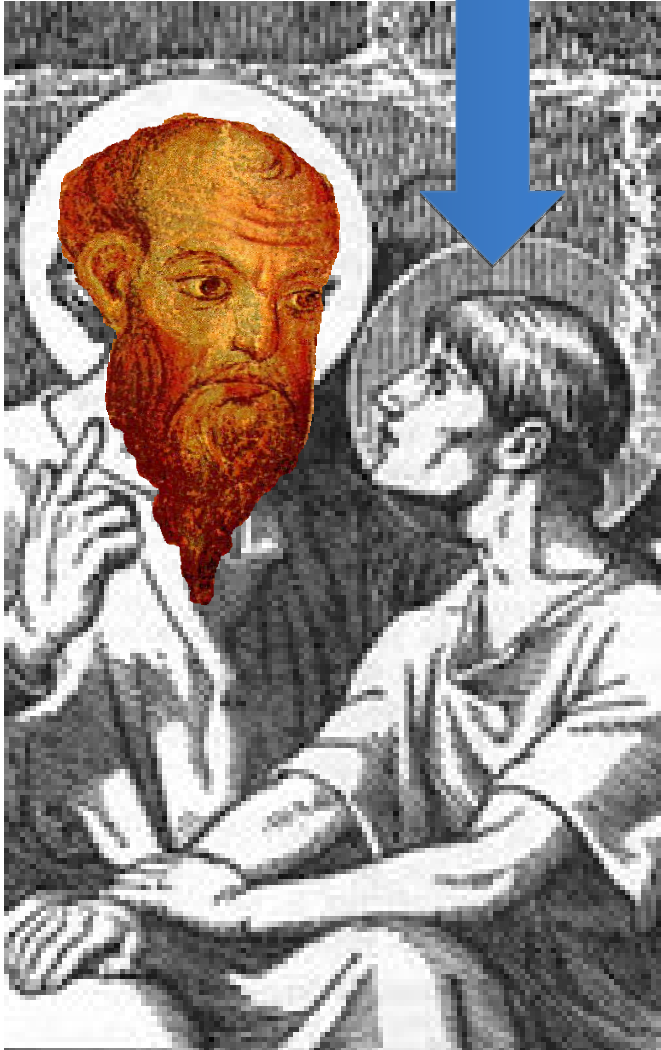




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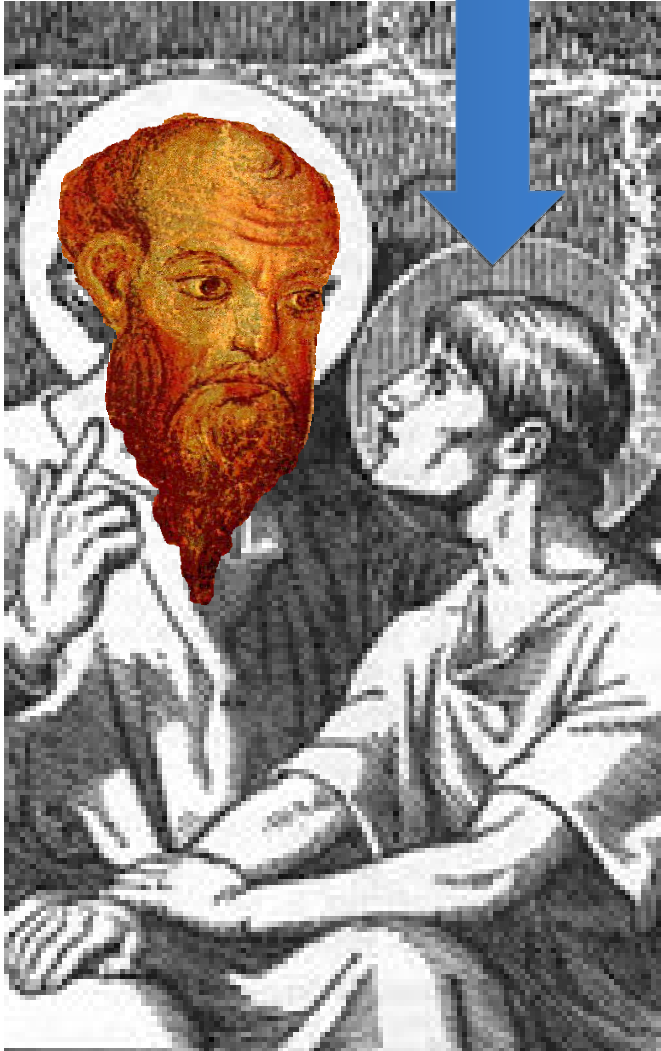


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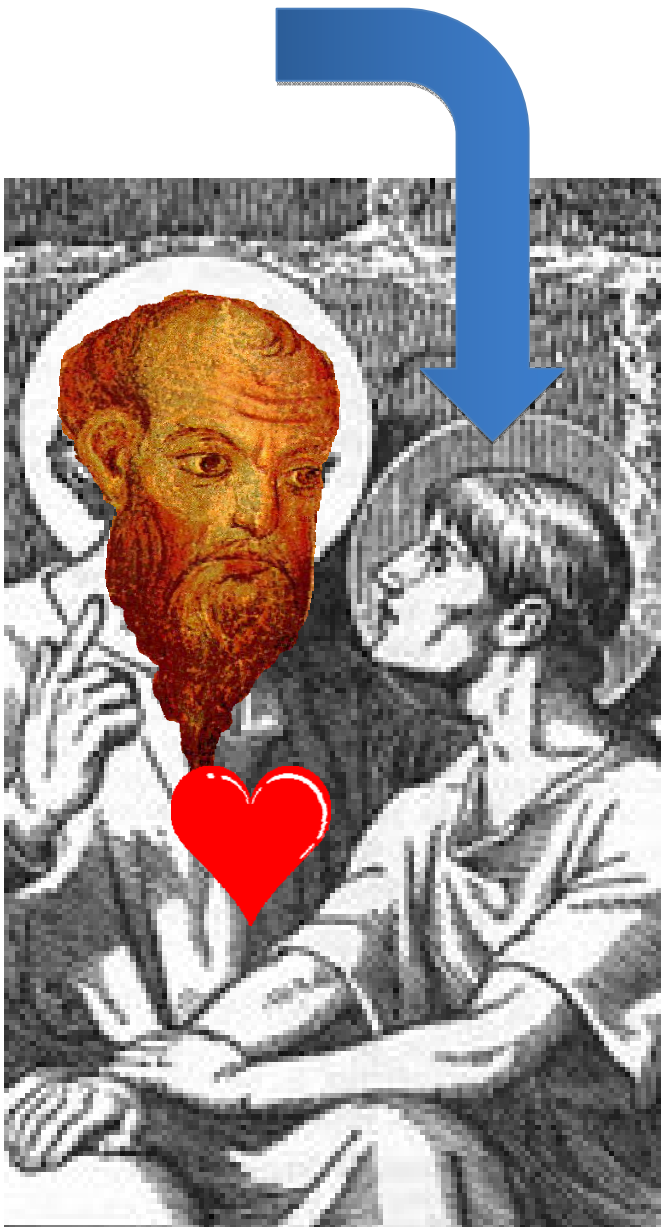


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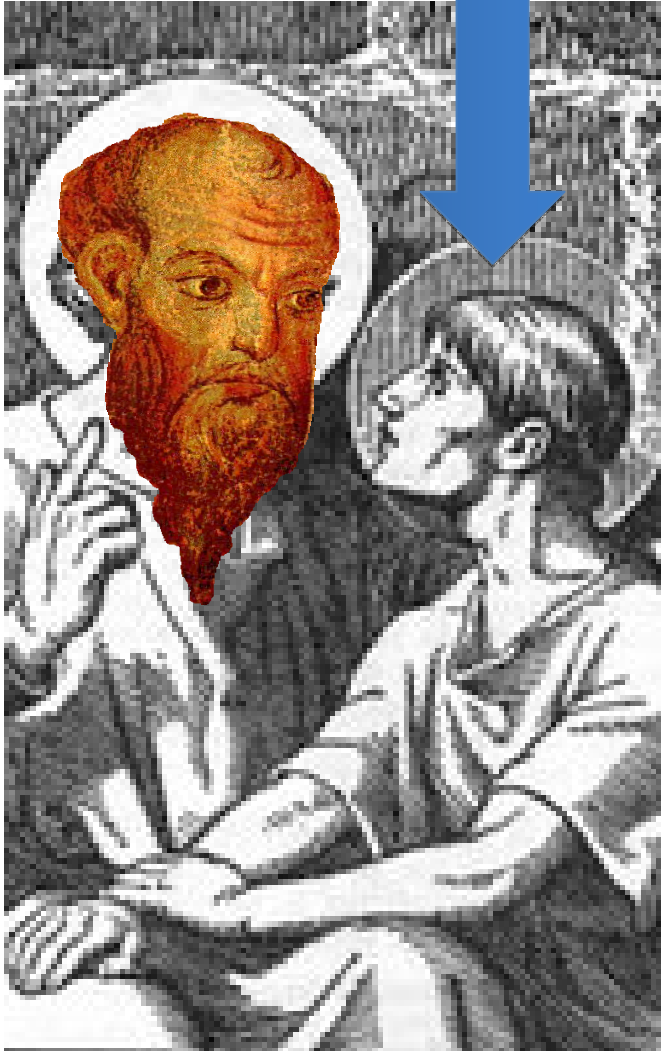
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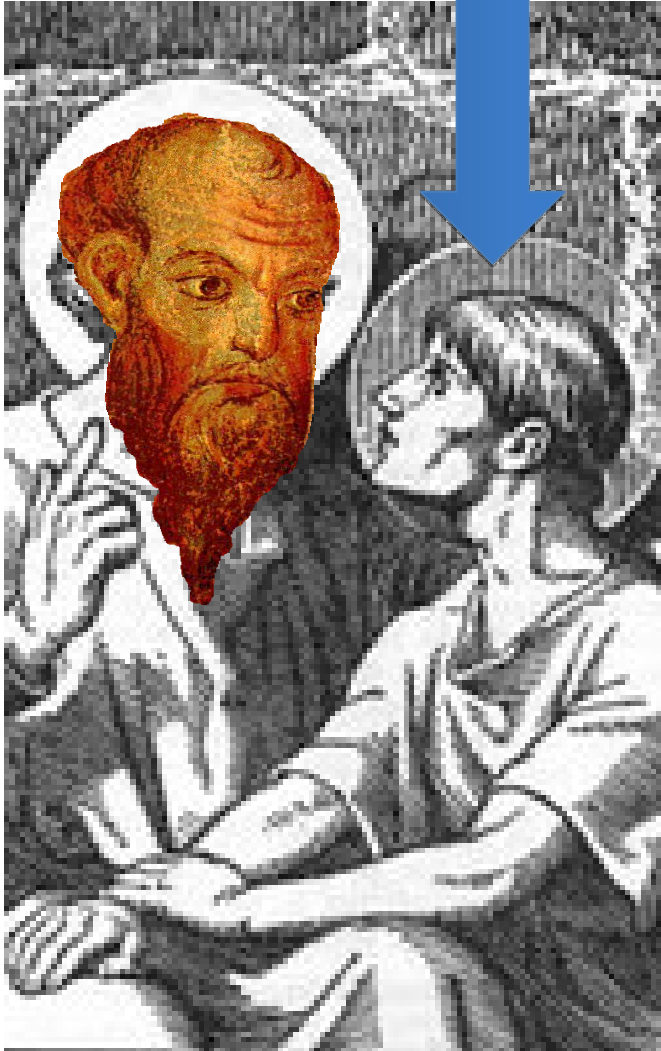
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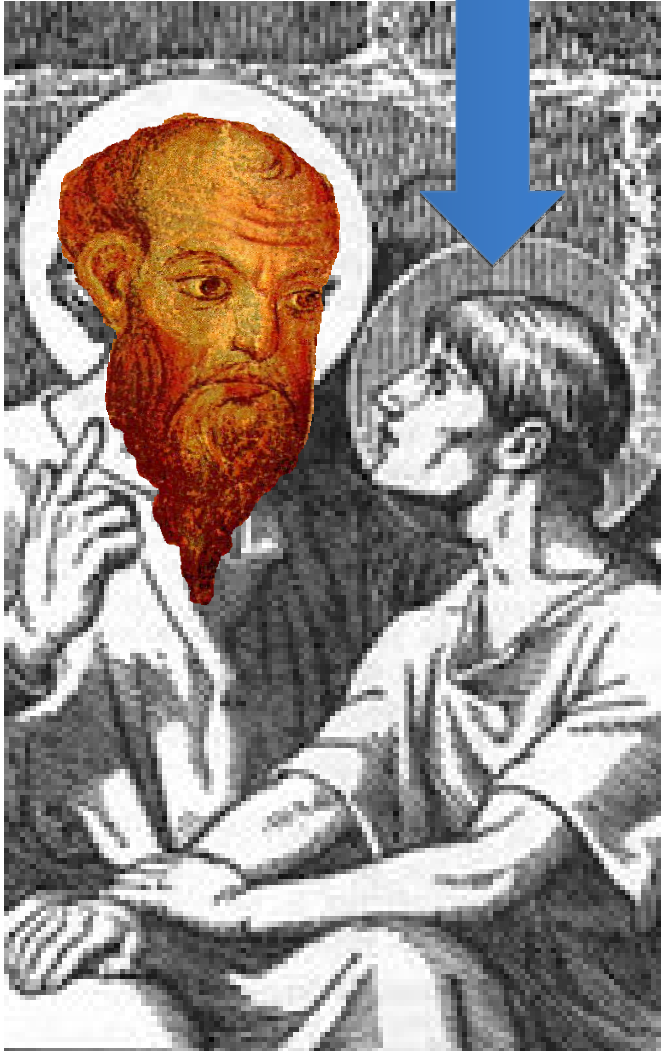


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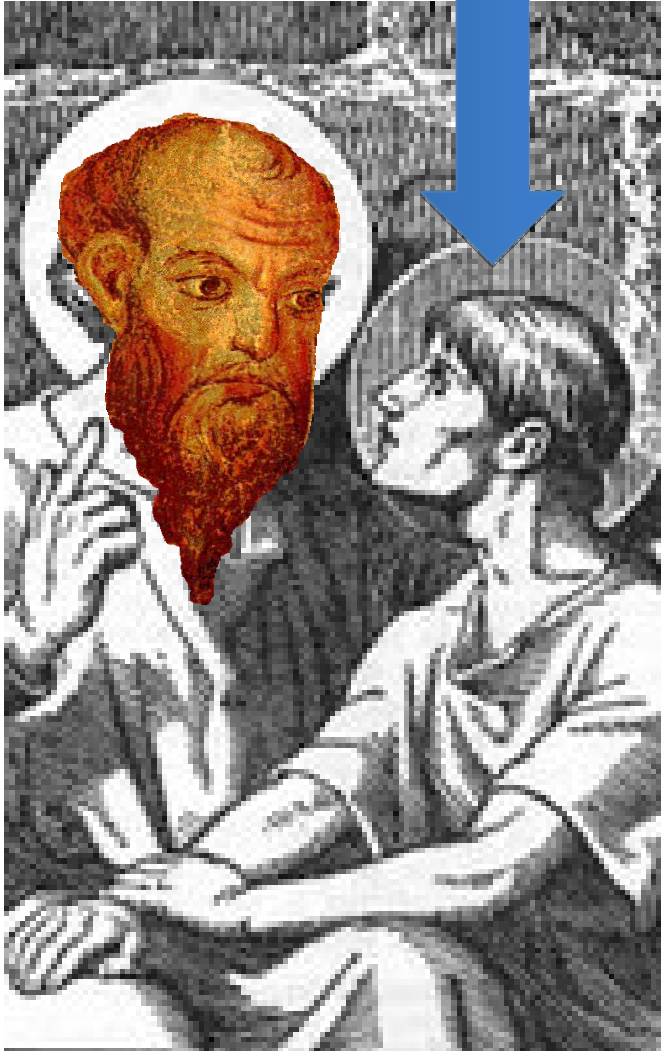


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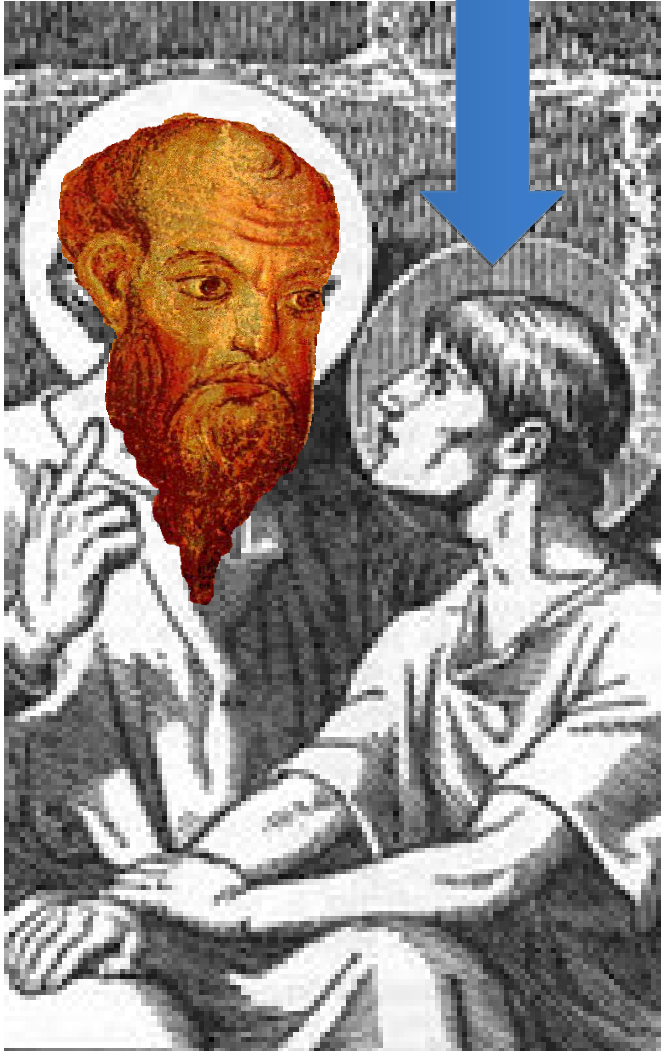
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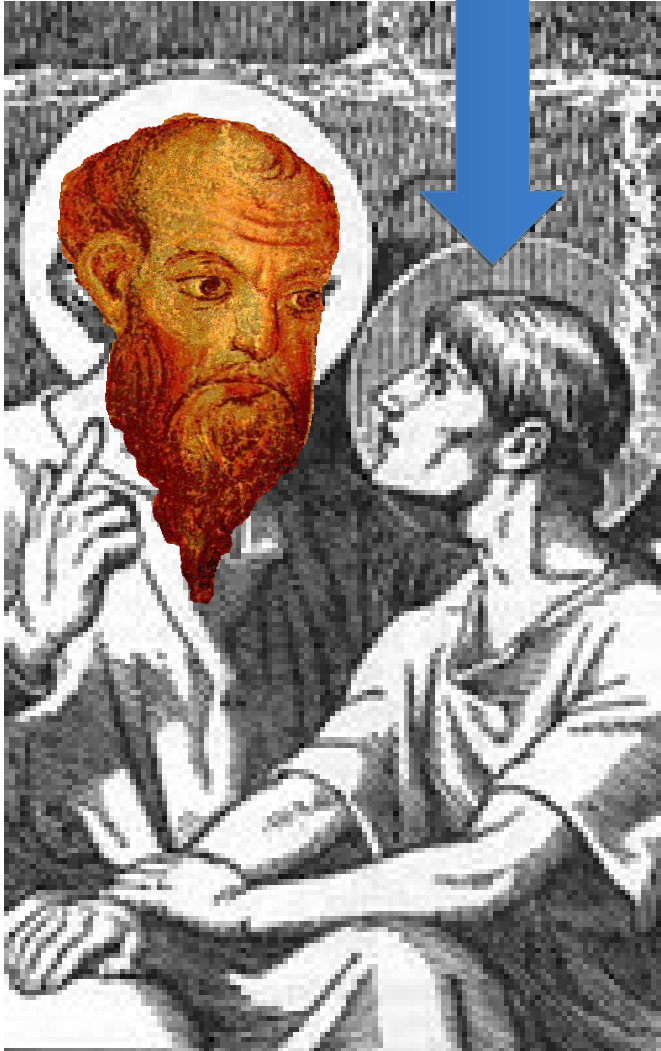
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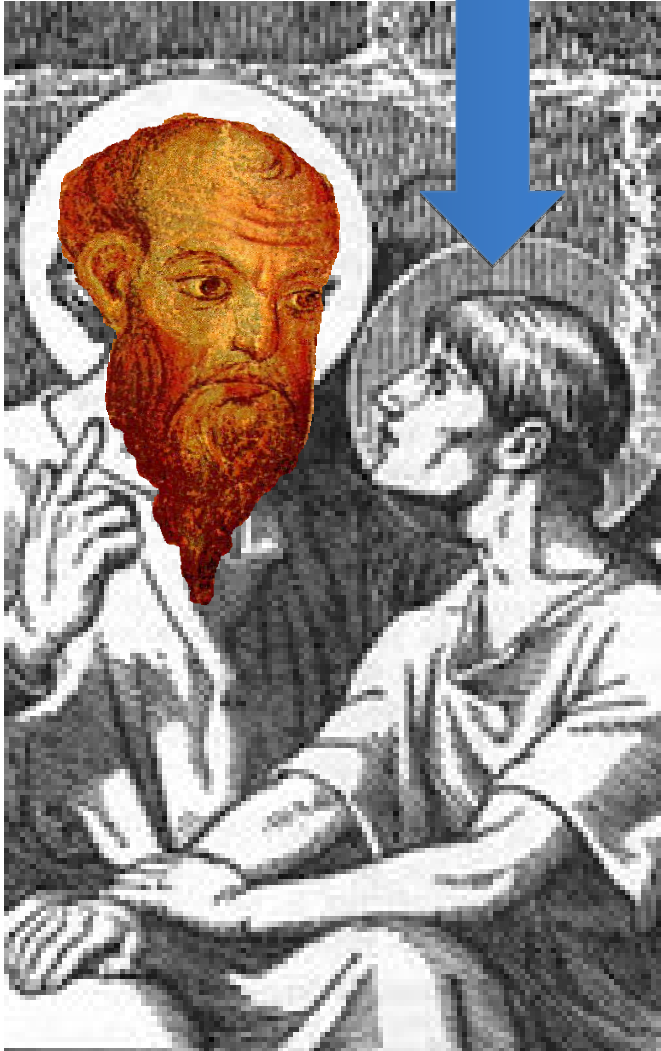


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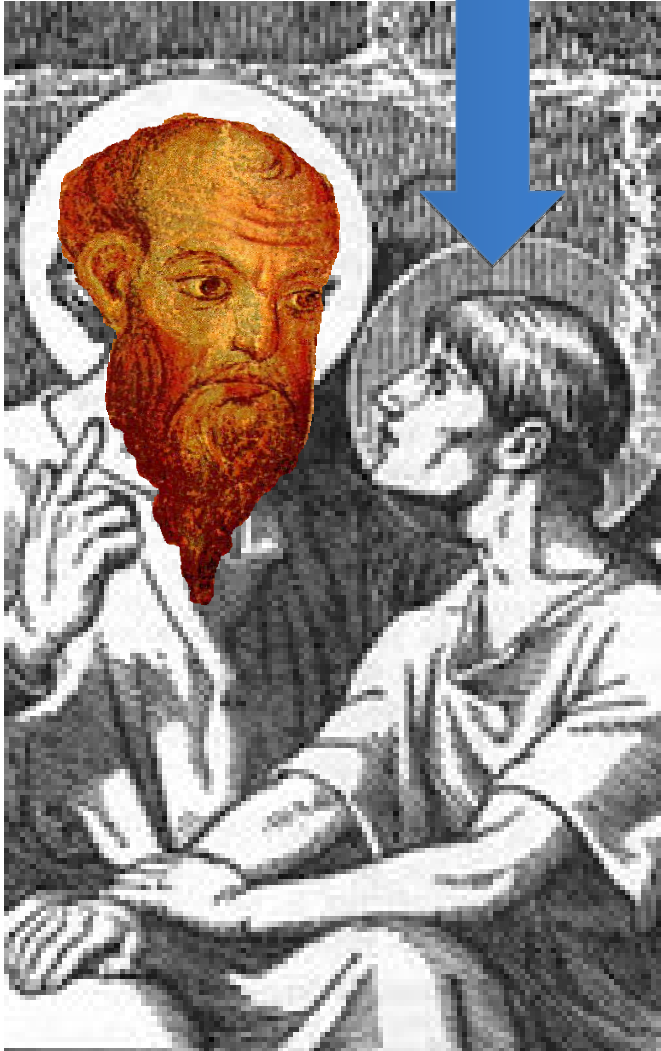


“So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.” (17 - 18)

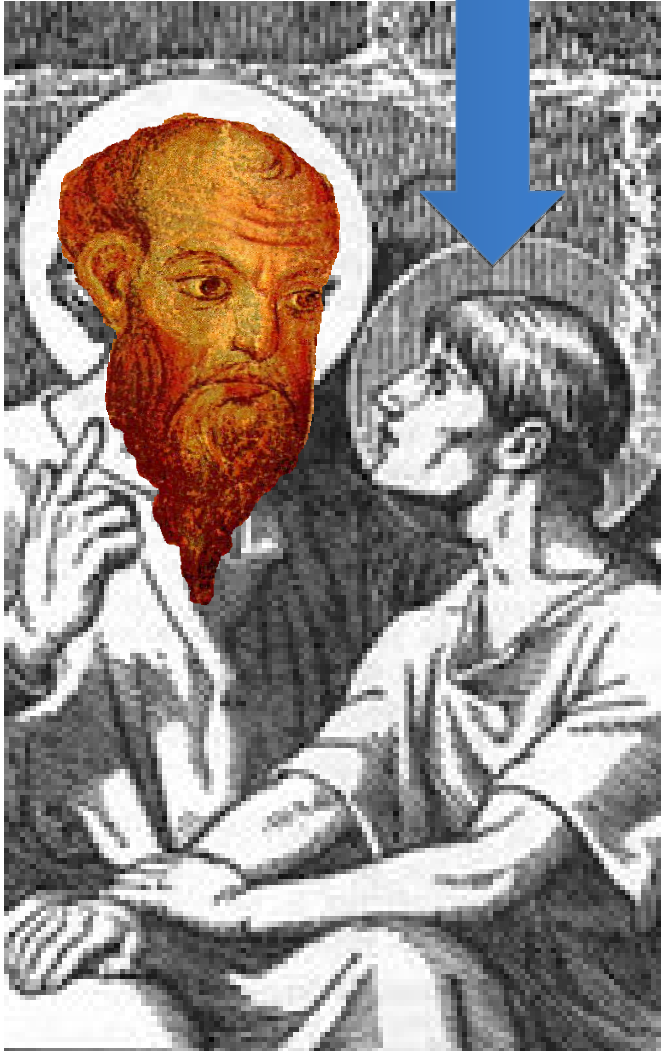




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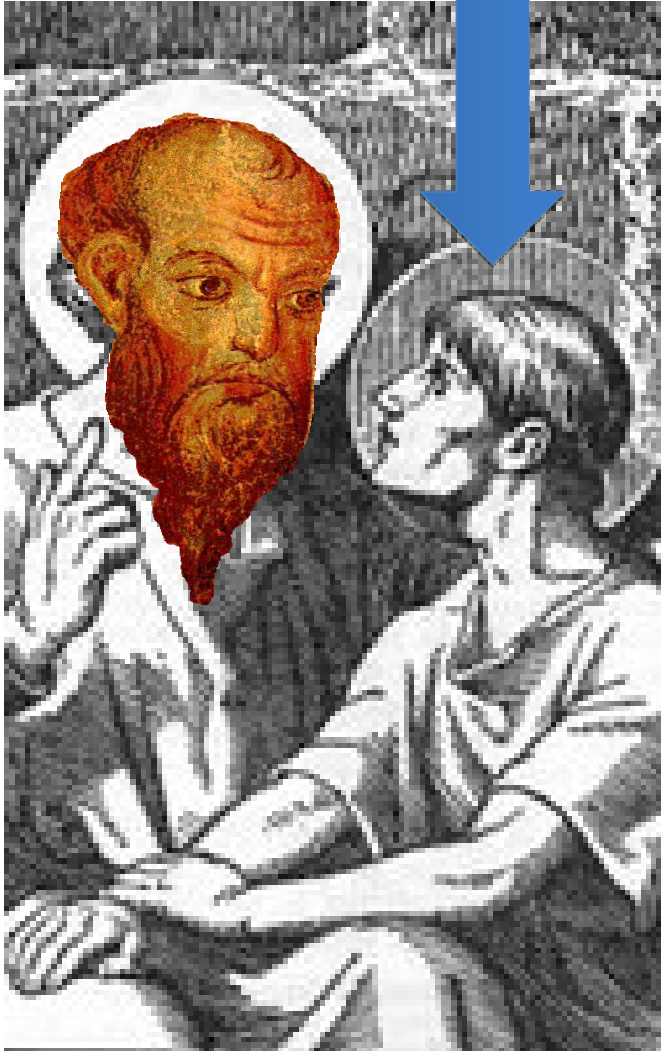
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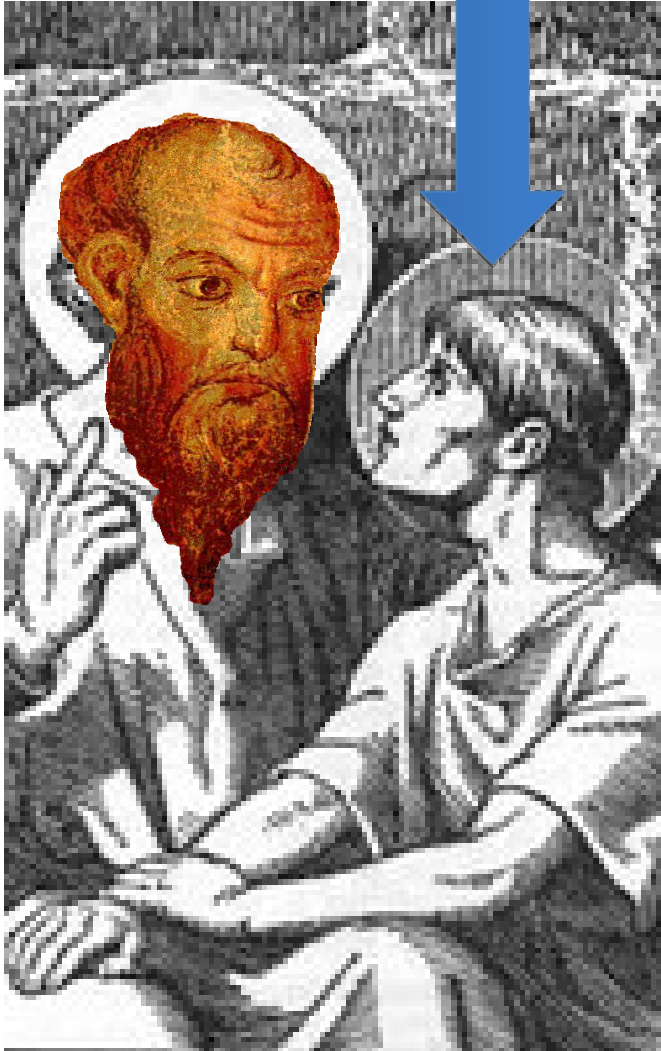


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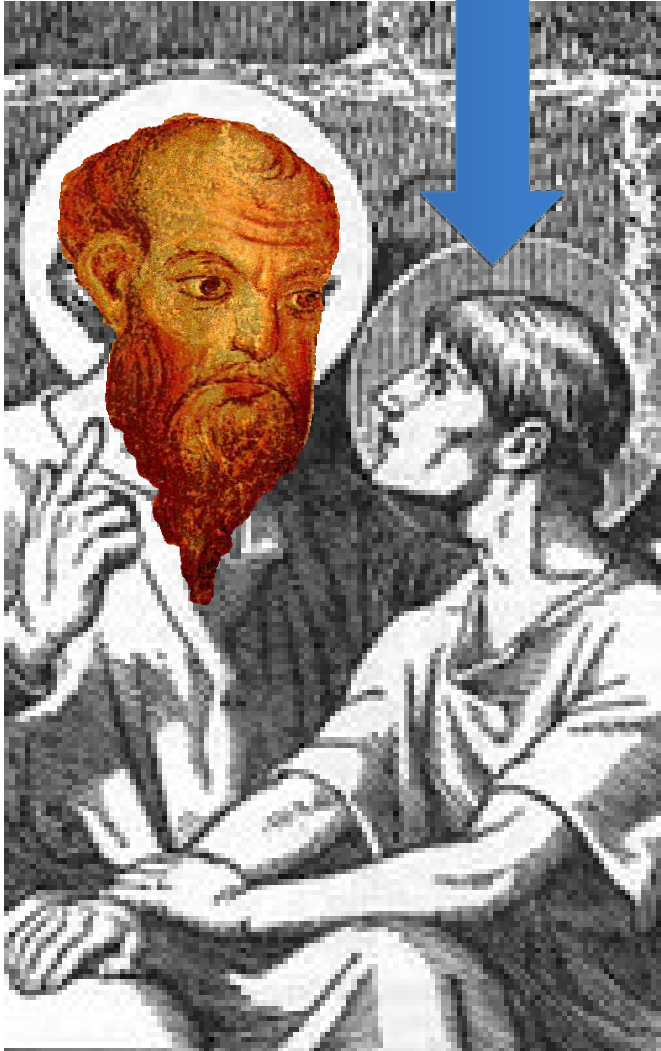


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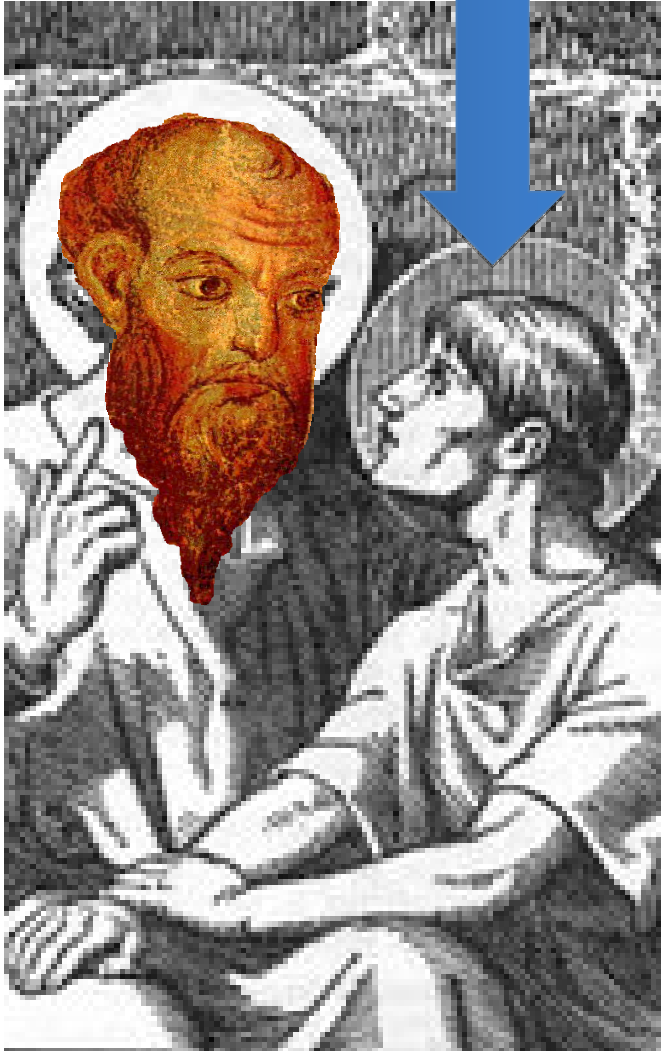




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“Epaphras, *my fellow prisoner* in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with your spirit” (23-25)

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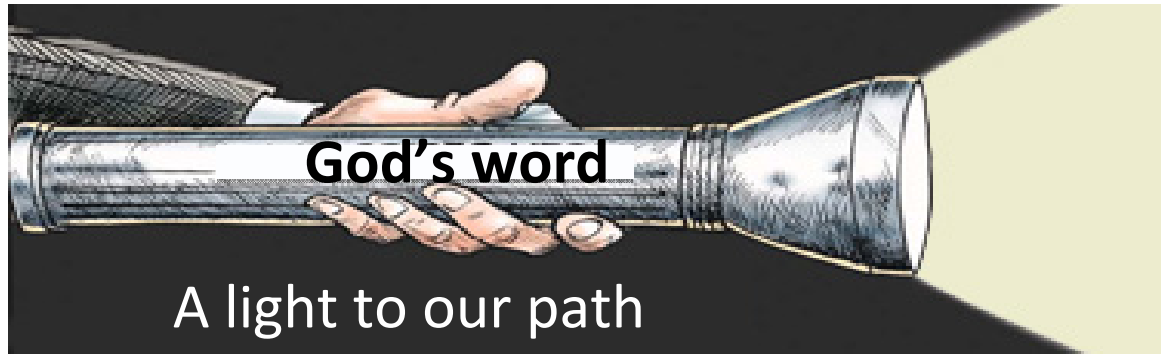
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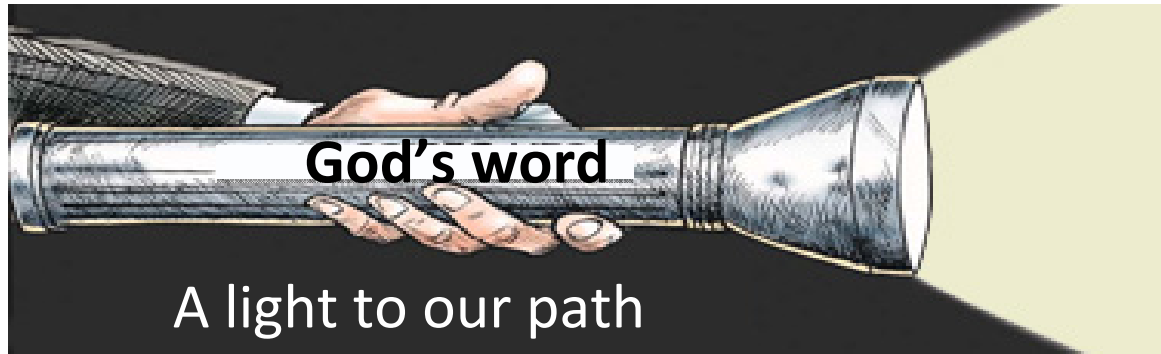


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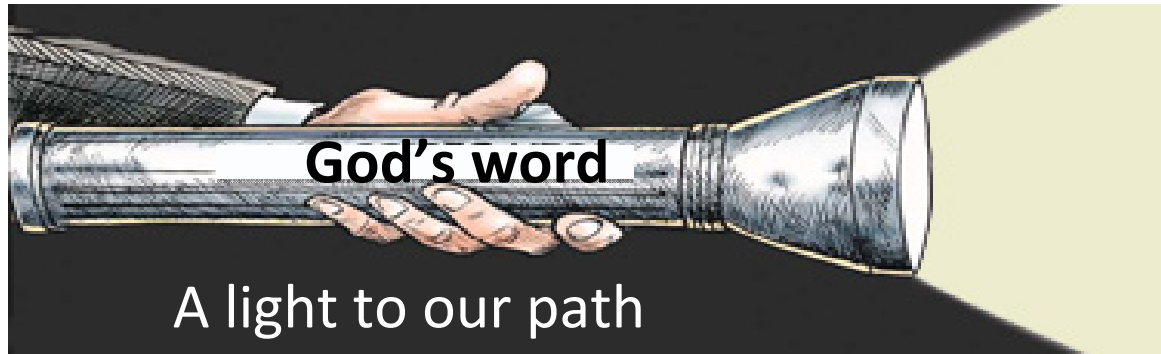
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