

Tychicus

An example for these times

Paul's Journeys

- First journey: Cyprus and eastern Turkey (Acts 13-14)
- Second journey: Turkey and Greece (Acts 15:35 – 18:22)
- Third journey: Turkey, Greece, return to Jerusalem (Acts 18:23 – 21:14)
- Journey from Jerusalem to Rome (Acts 27 – 28:15)

Paul's Traveling Companions

- Barnabas
- Luke
- Timothy
- Silas

Tychicus Traveled with Paul

Acts 20:4:

“Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, **Tychicus** and Trophimus.”

Asia is a Roman province in Turkey



We do not know:

- Where or when he was born, maybe somewhere near the city of Ephesus
- How he became a Christian
- How he met Paul
- He appears to be a blank slate



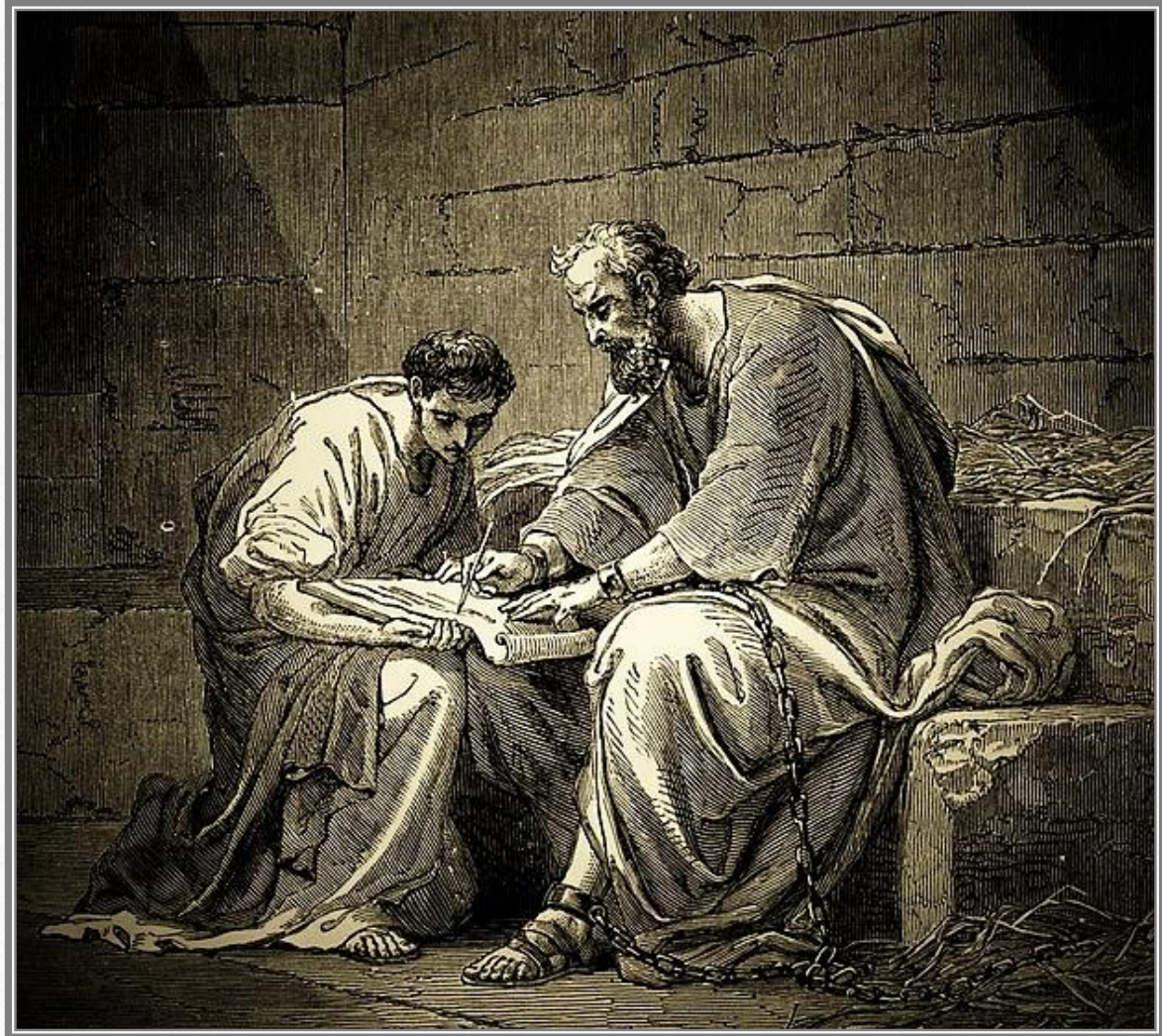
Painting of Tychicus

He's the one in the
middle with the
pink robe.

Wood Engraving of Tychicus

He's on the left.

(Paul is on the right.)



Tychicus is mentioned 5 times in the bible

- Acts 20:4
- Titus 3:12
- 2 Tim. 4:12
- Eph. 6:21
- Col. 4:7

Acts 20:4-6



Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, **Tychicus** and Trophimus. **These went on ahead** and were waiting for us at Troas, but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, **and in five days we came to them at Troas,** where we stayed for seven days.

Acts 20:7-12

7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. 9 And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. 10 But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." 11 And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. 12 And they took the youth away alive and were not a little comforted.

Tychicus was a leader of Paul's congregations

Titus 3:12: “When I send Artemas or **Tychicus** to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.”

Eph. 6:21: “So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, **Tychicus** the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything.

2 Tim. 4:12: “**Tychicus** I have sent to Ephesus.”

Character and qualities of Tychicus

Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:1-15:

- Above reproach
- Trustworthy, honest
- Faithful in marriage
- Not arrogant or quick-tempered or violent or greedy
- Hospitable, self-controlled, upright, disciplined
- Firm in God's word
- Able to correct those who contradict God's word

Encourager for people who are separated and living in uncertainty

Col. 4:7-9:

“⁷ **Tychicus** will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹ **and with him Onesimus**, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.”

Chiasm of Col. 4:7-9

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v. 7b: “He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.”

v. 8: “I have sent him to you for this very purpose, **that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts,**”

v. 9a: “and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you.”

v. 9b: “They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.”

Encourage

- Give support, confidence, hope
- Give advice so a person may continue in their activity
- Help or stimulate to grow and develop

“parakalese”

- Same root word as “parakletos” (“legal advocate,” “comforter,” “helper”)

John 14:26: “But the **Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

- To encourage is to do the work of the Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:11: “Therefore **encourage** one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”