

Paul, His Life and Teachings

Paul's Letter to Philemon

Lesson 33

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Have you ever wanted to persuade someone to do something?



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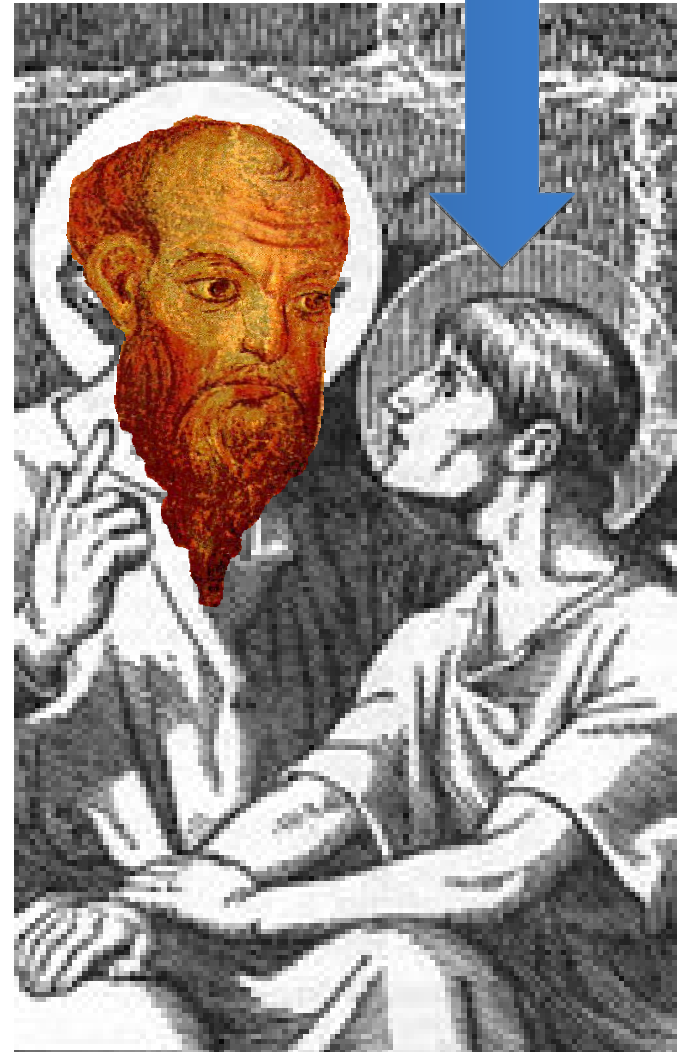


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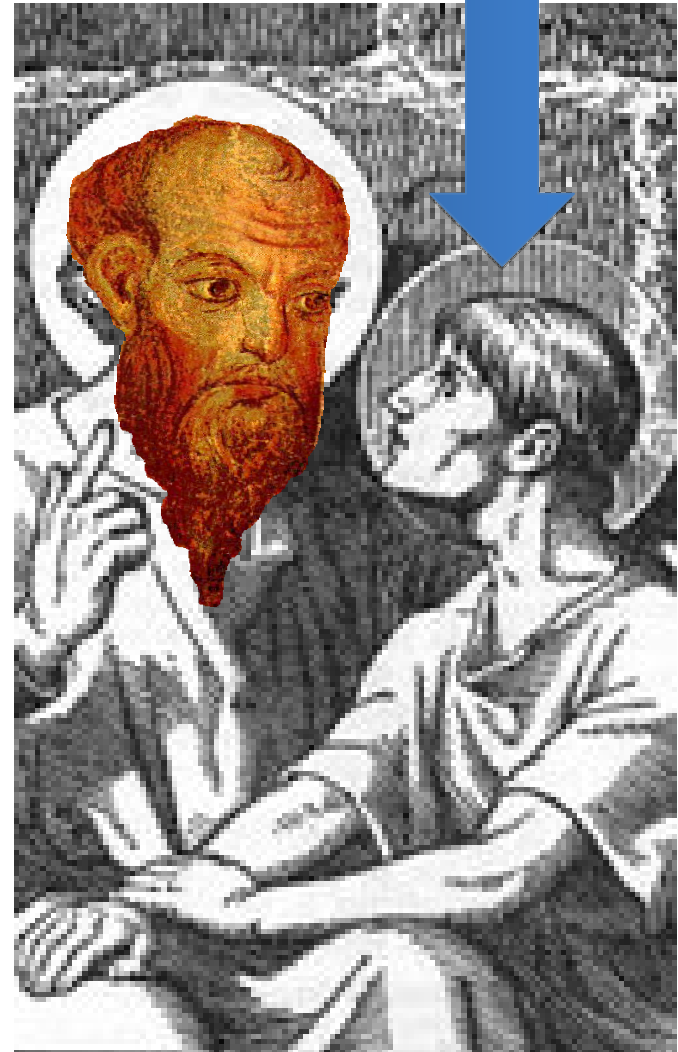
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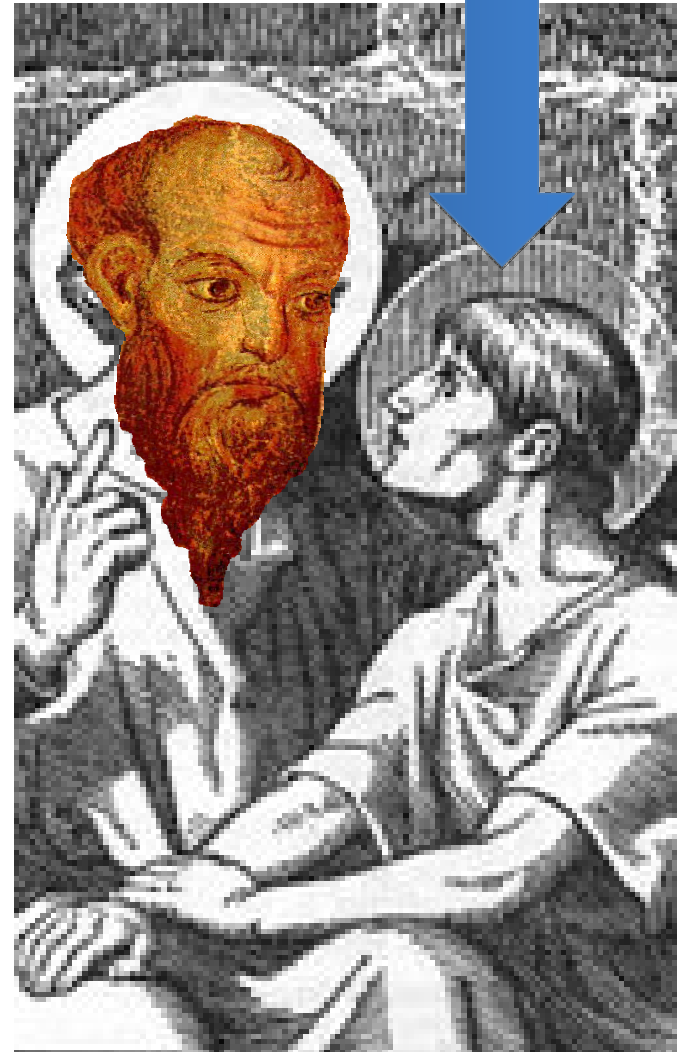
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Son - Archippus



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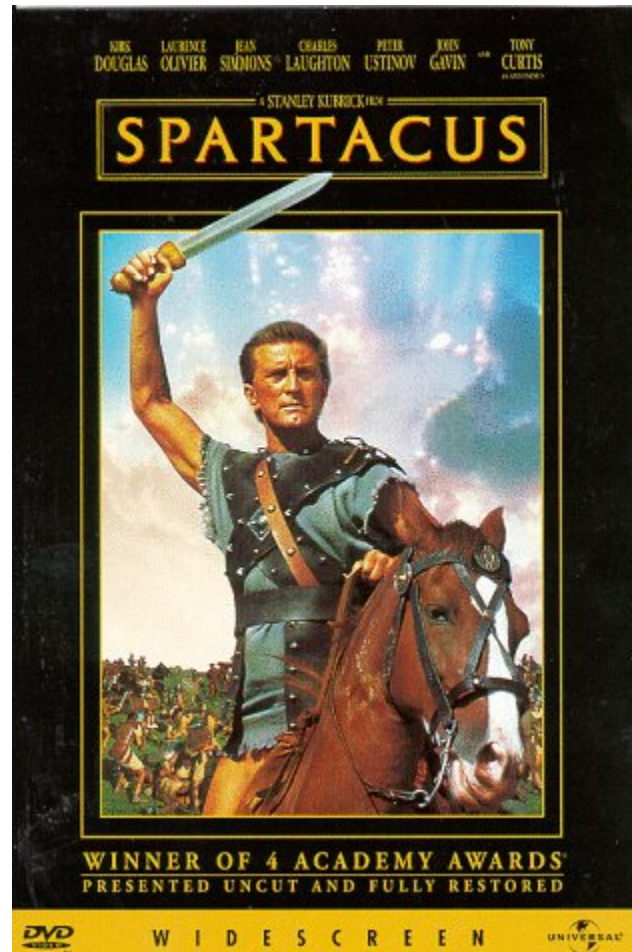


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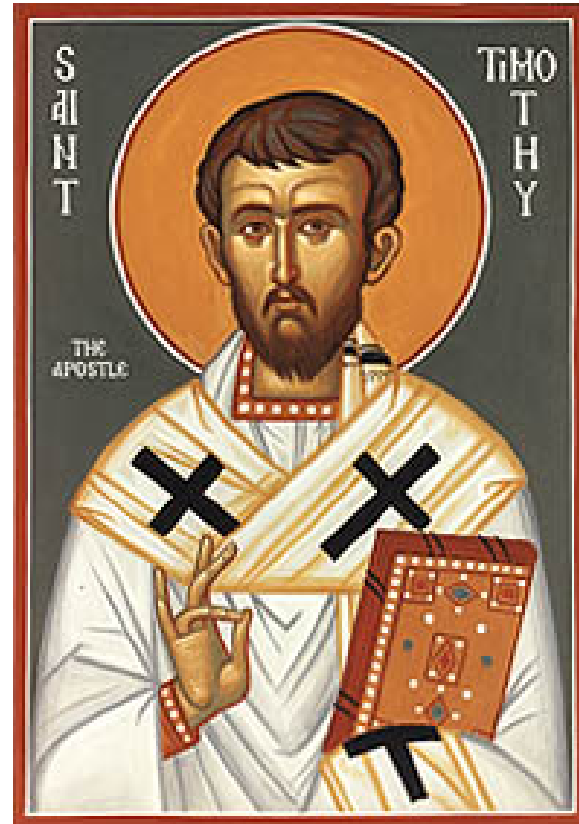
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Roman slavery differed from Jewish slavery



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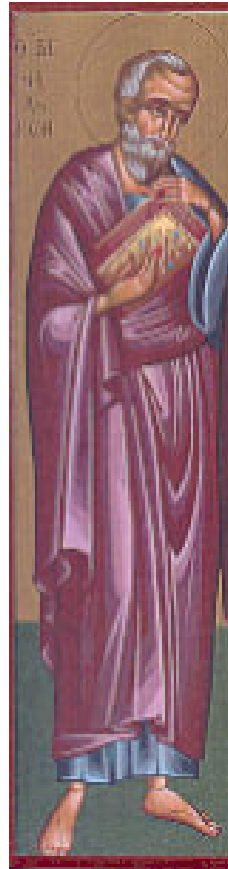


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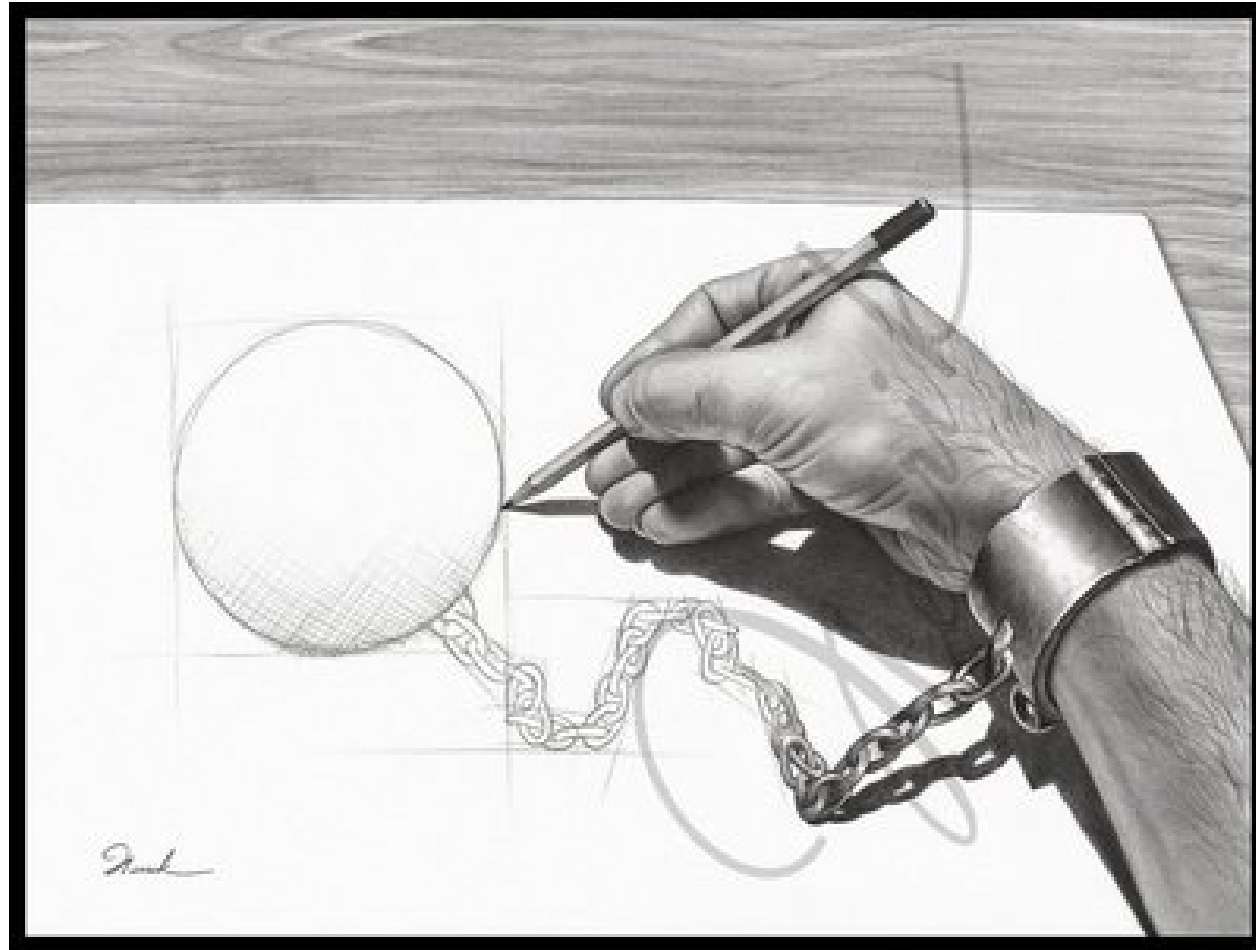


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“Y’all” becomes “just you”

“Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus and
Timothy our brother” (1)





“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)



“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (3)



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“and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.” (6)



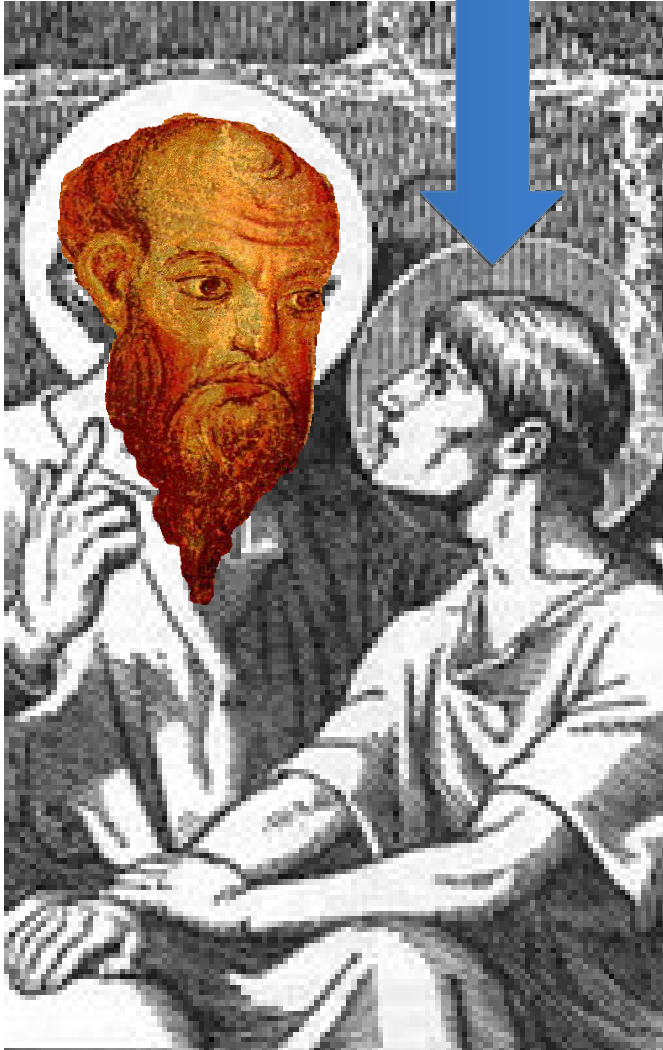
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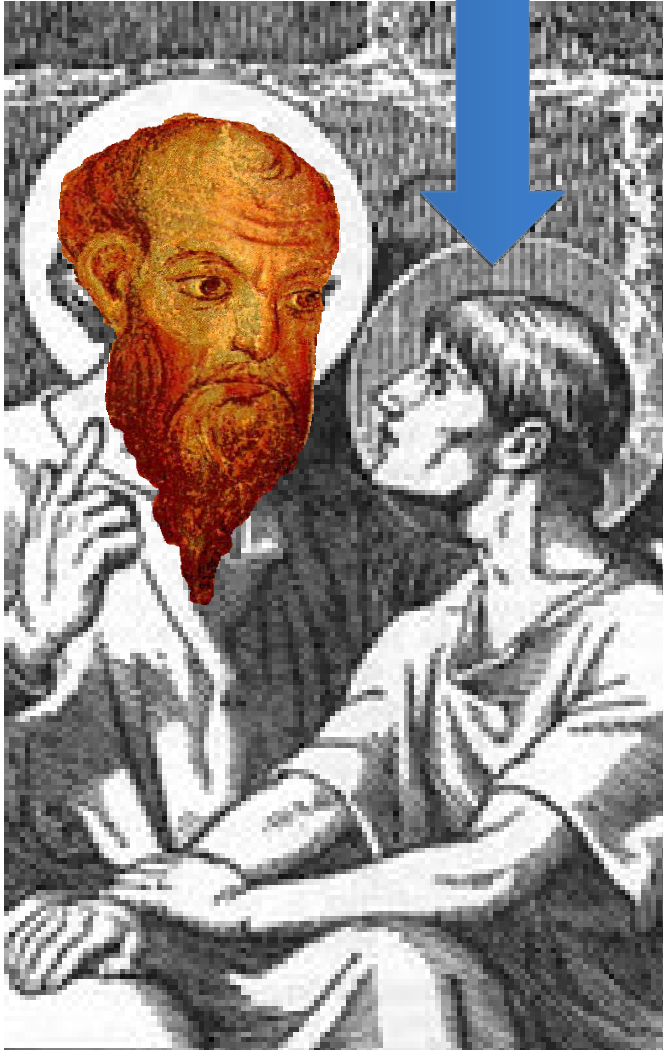
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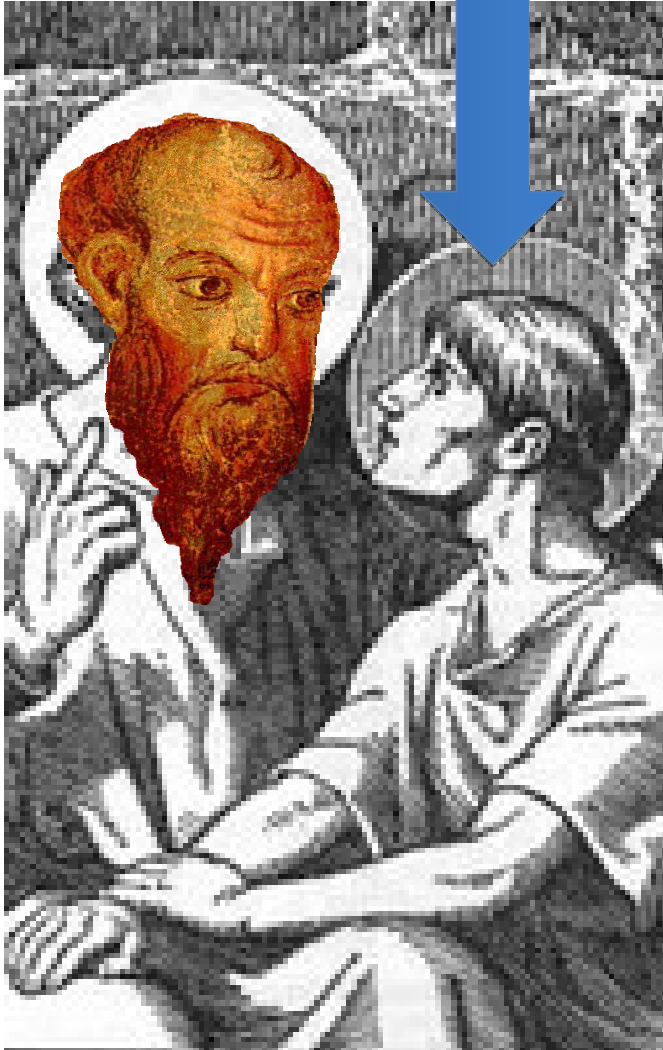
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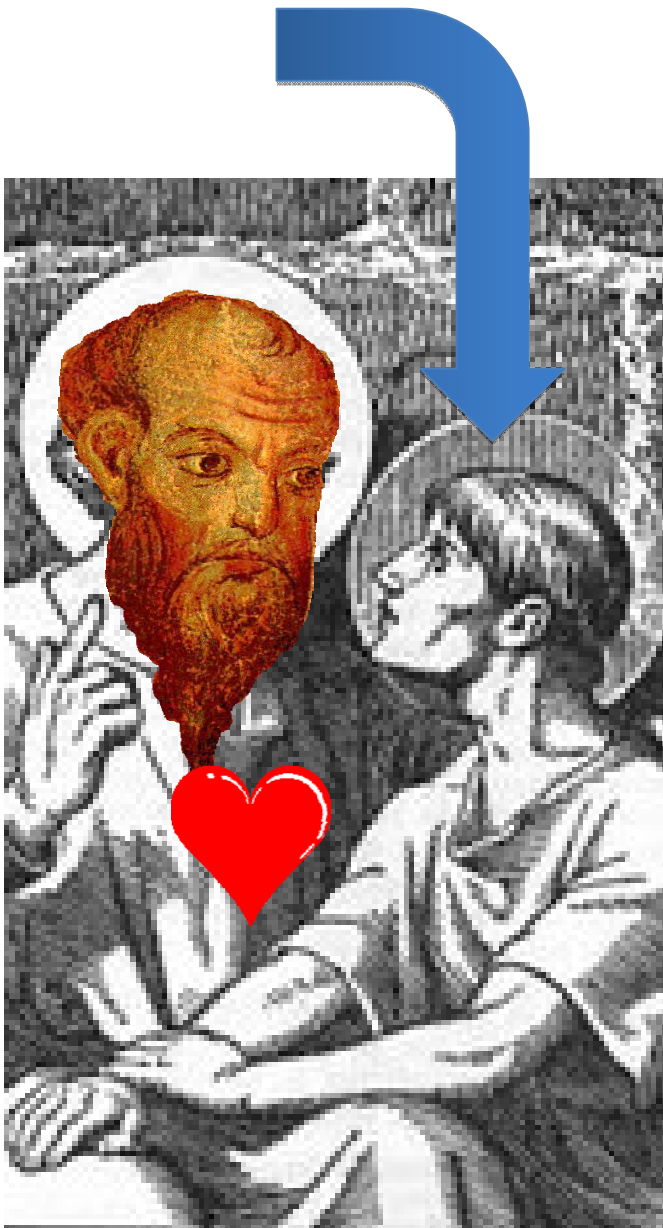


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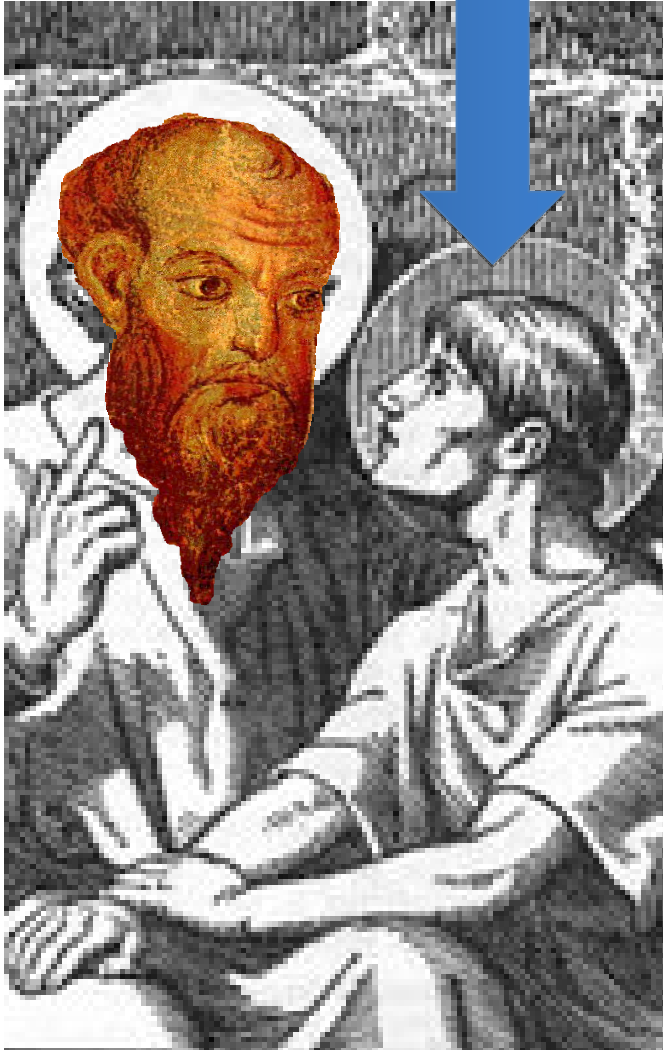
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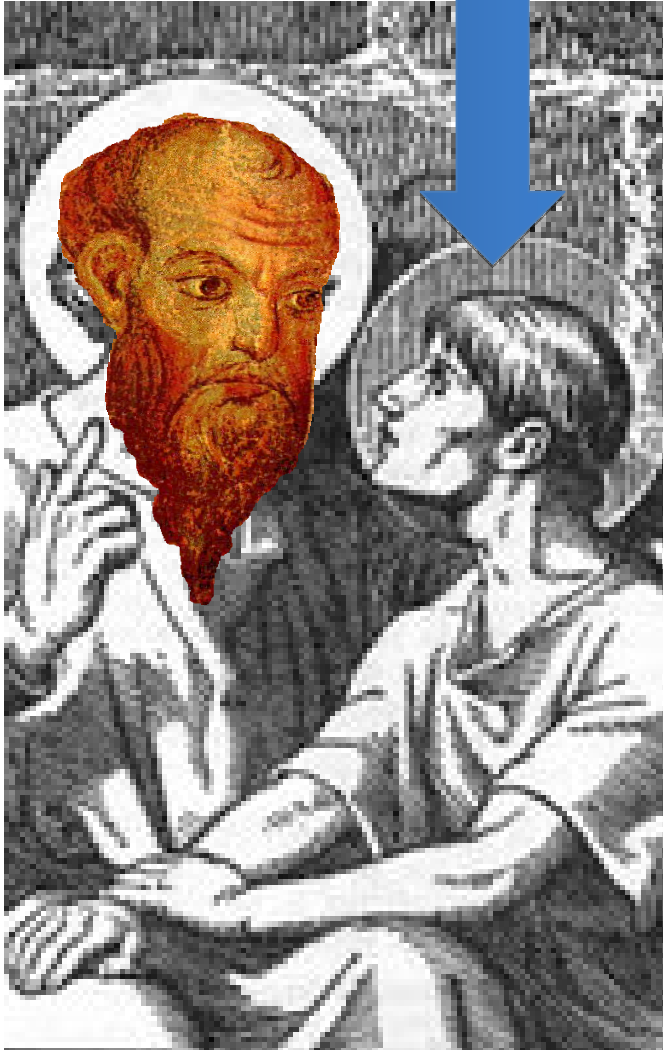
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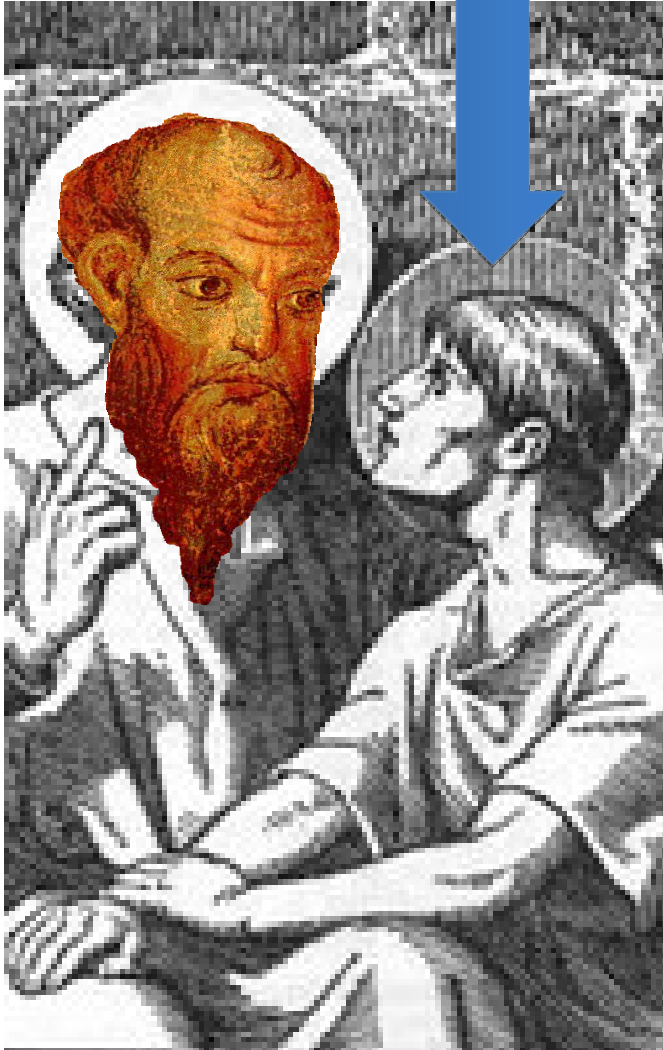
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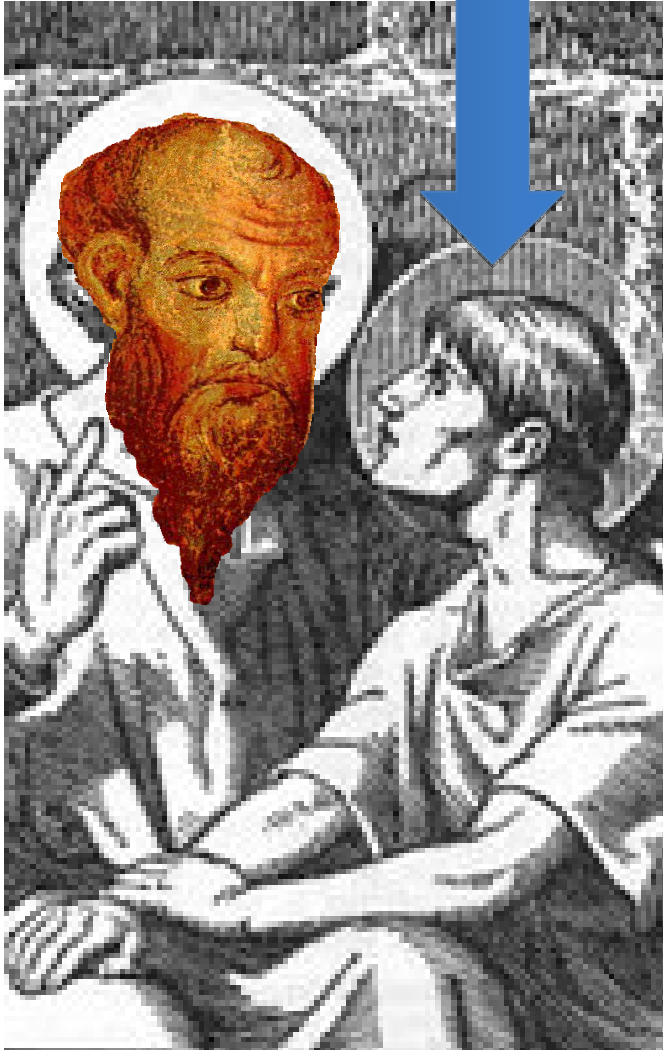
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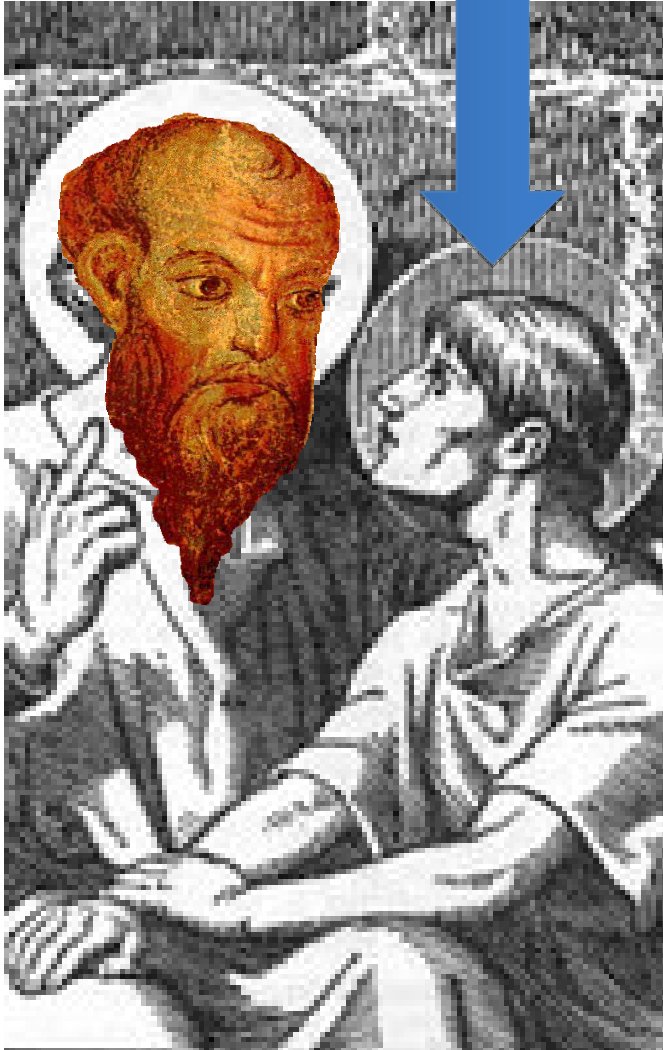
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“So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.” (17 - 18)



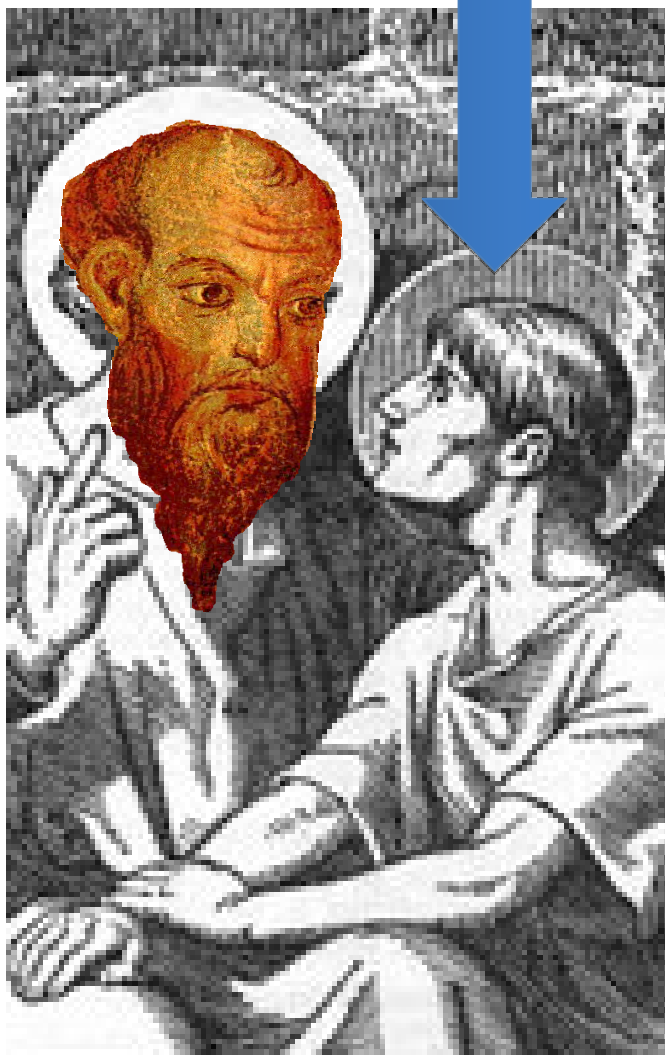
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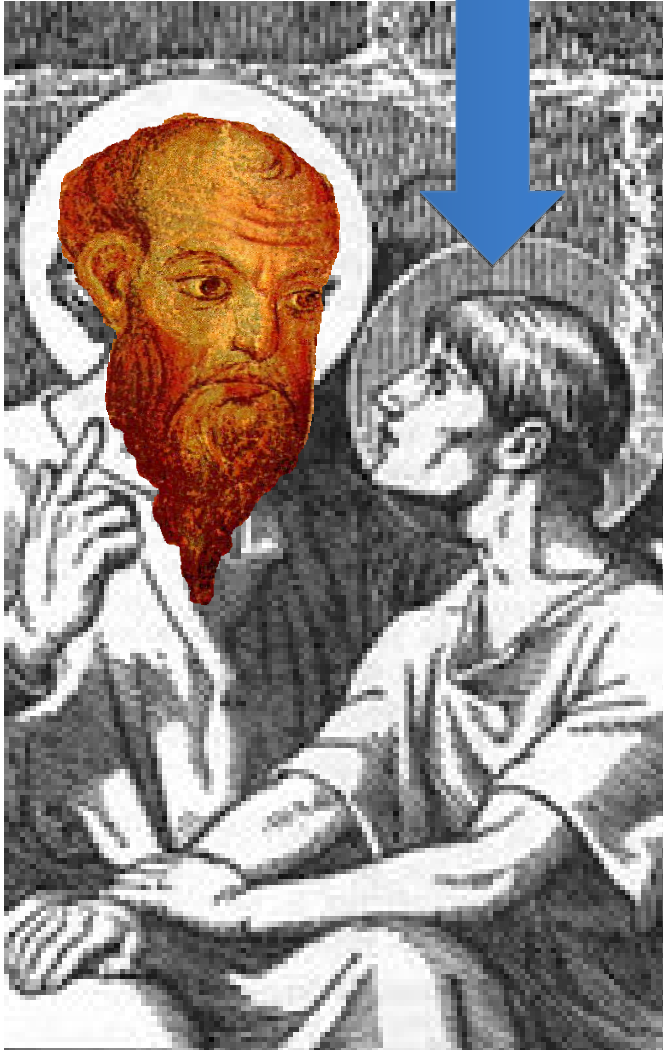


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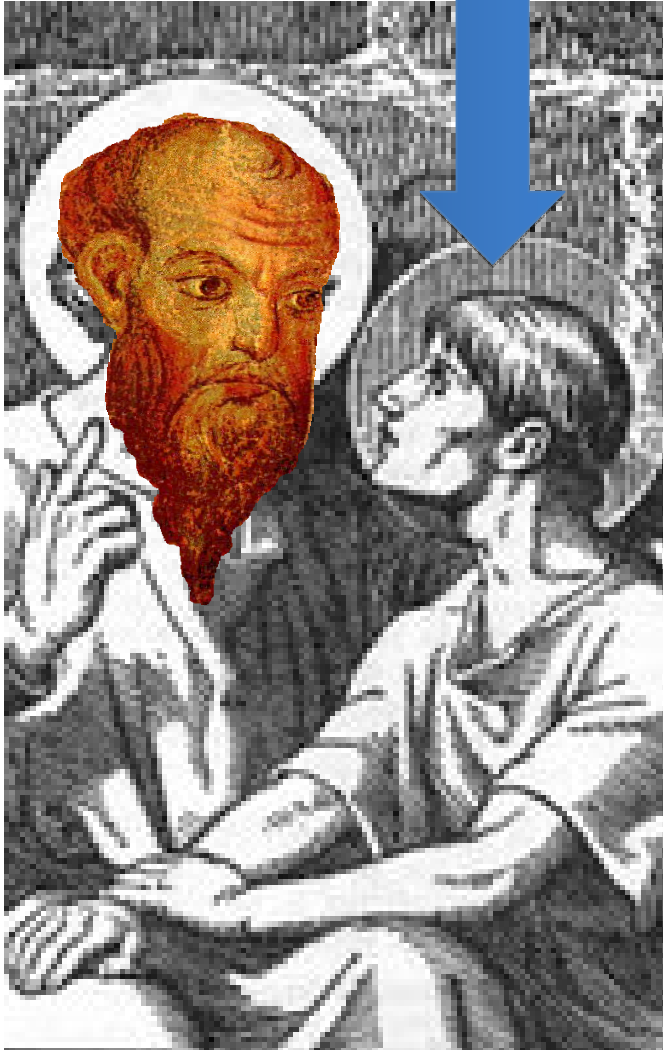
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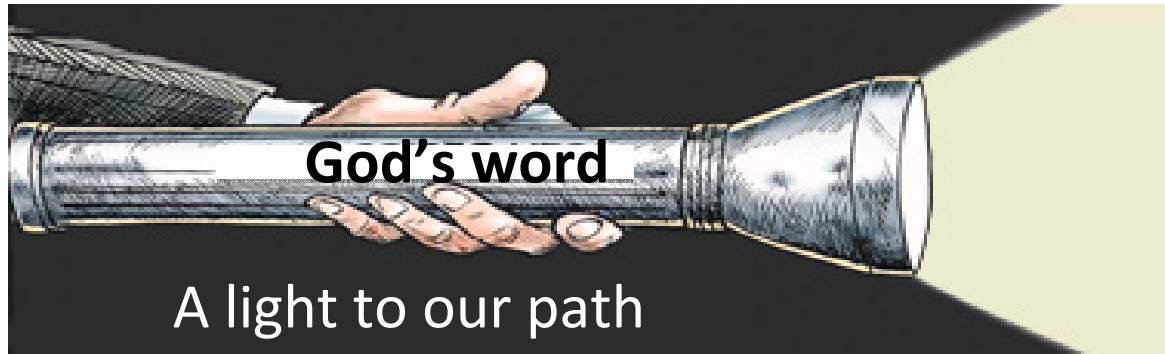
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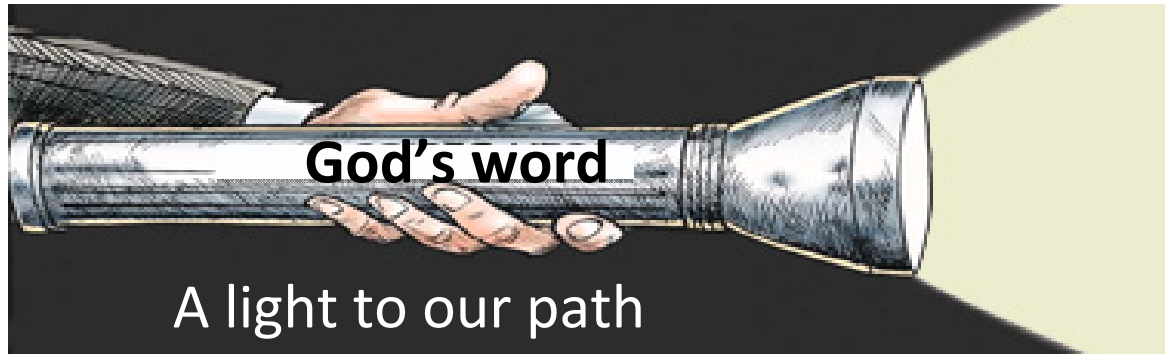




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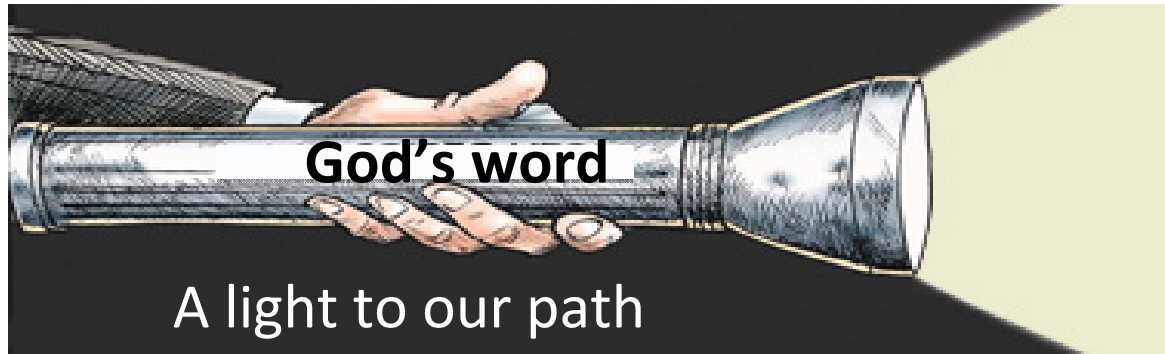


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