

20 minutes; stand up, speak up, shut up, and sit down, is our advice.

Dr. Luke reports that you are a thin little man, bald and frequently sick, and always so agitated over your so-called churches that you sleep very poorly. He reports that you pad around the house praying most the night. A healthy mind and a robust body is our ideal for all applicants. A good night's sleep will give you zest and zip, so that you will wake up full of zing.

You wrote recently to Timothy that you have fought a good fight. Fighting is hardly a good recommendation for a missionary. No fight is a good fight, Peace and safety should be our message in these uncertain times. It hurts me to tell you this Paul, that in all my 25 years of experience, I have never met a man so opposite to the requirements of our foreign mission board. If we accepted you, we would be breaking every rule of modern missionary practice.

Most sincerely yours,

Signed Jay Flavius Fluffyhead,

Secretary of the foreign Mission Board

**Isaiah 9:16** For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

**Matthew 15:14** Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

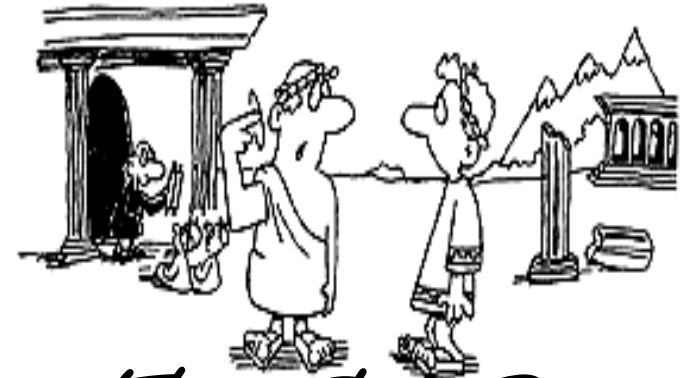
The apostasy will increase. "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." **1 Timothy 4:1** Men and women have confederated to oppose the Lord God of heaven, and the church is only half awake to the situation. There needs to be much more prayer, much more of earnest effort, among professed believers.

The apostasy prevailing today is similar to that which in the prophet's day overspread Israel. In the exaltation of the human above the divine, in the praise of popular leaders, in the worship of mammon, and in the placing of the teachings of science above the truths of revelation, multitudes today are following Baal. It is publicly taught that we have reached a time when human reason should be exalted above the teachings of the Word. The law of God, the divine standard of righteousness, is declared to be of no effect. The enemy of all truth is working with deceptive power to cause men and women to place human institutions where God should be, and to forget that which was ordained for the happiness and salvation of mankind.

It was apostasy that led the early church to seek the aid of the civil government, and this prepared the way for the development of the papacy--the beast. Said Paul: "There" shall "come a falling away...., and that man of sin be revealed." **2 Thessalonians 2:3**. So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.

*Go Ye Out To Meet Him*

# Letter



## To St. Paul

January 1, 66 AD

General Church Headquarters  
Jerusalem providence of Judah,

Dear Mr. Paul,

We recently received an application from you for service under our board; it is our policy to be as frank and open minded as possible with all our applicants, we have made an exhaustive survey of your case. To be plain we are surprised you have been able to pass as a bona-fide missionary; we are told you are inflicted with server eye trouble. This is certain to be an insuperable handicap to an effective ministry. We require 20/20 vision.

Do you think it fitting for a missionary to do part time secular work? We heard that you are mak-

ing tents on the side. In the letter to the church at Philippi you admitted that they were the only church supporting you. We wonder why? And is it true that you have a jail record? Certain brethren report that you did two years time down a Caesarea, and were imprisoned at Rome as well. You made so much trouble for the businessmen at Ephesus that they refer to you as a man who is attempting to destroy the entire Jewish economy. Sensationalism has no place in missions.

We also deplore the lurid 'over the wall in the basket' episode at Damascus. We are appalled at your obvious lack of conciliatory behavior. Diplomatic men are not stoned and dragged out the city gate or insulted by furious mobs. Have you ever suspected that gentler words might gain you more friends? I enclose a copy of Dalais Connagulas' book, 'How to win Barbarians and influence Greeks, through spiritual regeneration.'

In one of your letters you refer to yourself as 'Paul the aged', our new mission policies do not allow elderly recipients. We understand too that you are given to fantasies and dreams. At Troas you saw a man of Macedonia, at another time claim that you were caught up into the third heaven, and even exclaimed

that the Lord stood by you. We reckon that more realistic and practical minds are needed in the task of world Evangelism. You have caused much trouble everywhere you have gone. You opposed the honorable women at Berea, and the leaders of your own nationality at Jerusalem, if a man can't get along with his own people, how can he serve foreigners?

You admit that while you were serving time at Rome they all forsook you. Good men are not left friendless, three fine brothers by the name of Demetrius, Demas, and Alexander the coppersmith, have notarized affidavits to the effect, that it is impossible to cooperate with either you or your program. We know you had a bitter quarrel with a fellow missionary named Barnabus as well. Harsh words do not further God's cause.

You have written many letters to churches, where you have formerly been pastor, though unlicensed, and independent of the Church. In one of these letters you accused a church member of living with his father's wife. And you caused the whole church to feel badly, and the poor fellow was dis-fellowshipped.

You spend too much time talking about the supposed second coming of Jesus Christ. This Anti-Christ you

speak of we had hung on the cross, several years ago. Yet you claim to have seen this Christ in your travels while doing the Churches work, of eradicating this hated sect of independents, and now you believe the claim that this antichrist has arisen from the tomb? We cannot tolerate this teaching that Moses law of feasts is no longer in effect, if we did this our whole Jewish economy would collapse.

Your letters to the people of Thessalonica were most entirely devoted to this theme. Put first things first, from now on. Your ministry has been far too flighty to be successful. First here and then there, Asia Minor, then Macedonia, then Greece then on over to Italy, and now you are talking about a wild goose chase into Spain. Concentration is more important than dissipation of one's powers.

In a recent sermon you said, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Jesus Christ," it seems to us you ought only glory in 'our heritage,' 'our denominational program,' 'and the 'world federation of Churches.' Your sermons are much too long, for the times, at one place you talked till after midnight, and a young man was so sleepy that he fell out of a window and broke his neck. Nobody is saved after the first