

# THE YOUNG MAN EUTYCHUS

## Introduction

- 1) There are many individuals named in the book of Acts who interacted with the work of the apostles and the early church – *Barnabas, Agabus, Philip, Silas, Lydia, Priscilla & Aquila, etc.*
- 2) Another individual is **Eutychus**, and his name is forever remembered for what happened at a worship service involving Christians and the apostle Paul in the city of Troas (Acts 20)
- 3) *Background:* Paul is on his third missionary journey (Acts 18:23–21:17) and begins his return heading toward Jerusalem (20:1-5)
  - a) Paul and company stayed at Troas seven days and met with the disciples on the first day of the week (Acts 20:6-7); Eutychus is part of this group of saints assembled for worship
- 4) Let us notice some important principles and lessons involving Eutychus (vv. 7-12)

## I) A Fortunate Young Man

- A) The name “Eutychus” means fortunate, well-fated; a “young man/youth” (age 24-40)
  - 1) He was fortunate to be among the disciples at Troas, likely a Christian himself
  - 2) He was fortunate to partake of the Lord’s Supper on the Lord’s Day
  - 3) He was fortunate to be hearing the apostle Paul speak the revealed truth of God
    - a) Part of a young church hungry for the truth of the revelation of Christ (1 Pet. 2:2)
- B) Do you count yourself fortunate and blessed to worship God with faithful brethren, partake of the Lord’s Supper, and hear God’s revealed and inspired truth proclaimed?

## II) A Sleepy Young Man

- A) Eutychus is described by Luke (who was a witness at this assembly) as “sinking into a deep sleep” and “overcome by sleep” (v. 9)
  - 1) Sleepiness can be caused by labor, environment, medication, age, boredom, etc.
  - 2) Likely he had worked during the day and was very tired as midnight approached, even as he struggled to listen to the great apostle continuing his message
    - a) Fatal situation – fell from third-story window and was taken up dead
- B) There is a spiritual sleepiness that is very harmful to the soul (Eph. 5:11-14; 1 Thess. 5:6)
  - 1) One can be wide awake physically but asleep spiritually (Rom. 13:11-12)
  - 2) We need to remain watchful, careful, and knowledgeable (Eph. 5:15-17; 1 Pet. 5:8)
- C) Are you spiritually awake to the truth of God and watching for the dangers of Satan?

## III) A Resurrected Young Man

- A) Paul and the brethren rush to where Eutychus had fallen and he was taken up dead (v. 10)
  - 1) Paul “fell on him” and embraced him (similar to 1 Kgs. 17:21; 2 Kgs. 4:34-35)
  - 2) He calmed the brethren and assured them that he was now alive (vv. 10, 12)
  - 3) The brethren were “not a little comforted” – were very comforted! Death is not the end!!
- B) Paul demonstrated the signs of an apostle – miracles, wonders (2 Cor. 12:12; Acts 9:36-41)
  - 1) Confirmed Paul’s word as truth (Mk. 16:20) and faith in that word as true (1 Thess. 2:13)
    - a) Those obedient to God’s word are raised from the death of sin by being buried with Christ in water baptism and raised with Him to newness of life (Rom. 6:3-5)
- C) Have you repented of sin and been buried with Christ in baptism to be raised to new life?

## Conclusion

Luke wrote about the comfort that came from Eutychus’s resurrection from the dead. The knowledge of the resurrection in the last day when Jesus returns brings “not a little comfort” to the righteous as they face the death of loved ones and themselves (1 Thess. 4:13-18), There is much comfort when our faith and hope is in our resurrected Lord (1 Pet. 1:18-21). Have you been saved by obeying the gracious will of God today?