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- Tychicus was a Christian from Asia who accompanied the Apostle Paul.
- Tychicus is from the Greek *tuchikos*, meaning “fortunate chance or fortuitous.” (*Strongs 5190*)
- About his conversion nothing is known. He shared the apostle’s first Roman captivity and was sent to Asia as the bearer of letters to the Colossians and Ephesians.

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- He is mentioned five times:
 - Acts 20:4 - “And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia--also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.”
 - Eph. 6:21-22 - “But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; 22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.”

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 - Col. 4:7-9 - “Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. 8 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, 9 with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.”

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- He is mentioned five times:
 - Titus 3:12 - “When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.”
 - 2Tim. 4:12 - “And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.”

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- Acts 20:4 states that Tychicus was from the Roman province of Asia. Some manuscripts indicate he was an Ephesian.
- In Colossians, Paul says he is “a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.” In both Ephesians and Colossians, Paul indicates that he is sending Tychicus to the Christians to whom he is writing in order to encourage them (he may have been the courier).

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- The passages in the Epistle to Titus (Titus 3:12) and to Timothy show that Tychicus was again with Paul after the emperor released him.
- The last passage where Tychicus is mentioned occurs in 2Timothy, written in Rome not long before Paul's execution. Though it would have comforting to have his friends beside him, he sends these friends to do the work.

What Kind Of Man Was Tychicus?

- “Beloved brother”
 - He was the kind of person who, motivated by sincere love of the brethren, endeared himself to other Christians.
- It gives assurance that we are saved.
 - 1John 3:14 - “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren...”

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- It gives protection from falling into sin.
 - 1John 2:10 - “He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.”
- It makes preaching credible.
 - John 13:34-35 - “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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- “Faithful minister”
 - He was loyal to the Lord and trustworthy with the word of God.
 - By “diakonos” (“*servant; minister*” - *Strong's 1249*), Paul probably refers to the personal role Tychicus performed on the apostle’s behalf as his representative; he had proved himself faithful over the years that Paul had known him.

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- “Fellow servant”
 - He was capable of working harmoniously with other disciples and willingly accepted the role of a subordinate.
 - By *sundoulos*, (“*a co-slave, servitor or ministrant of the same master*” - *Strong's 4889*), Paul describes both of them as slaves of a common Master.
 - Tychicus served Paul, but Paul was not his master. Because he loved Christ and desired to serve him, he also lovingly served Paul. Love for his Master led him to be faithful to other servants.

What Kind Of Man Was Tychicus?

- Why would Paul choose Tychicus to carry the letters to Ephesus and Colossae and to preach in places where Timothy and Titus were working?
 - He was from Ephesus; he would be familiar with the people there.
 - He was with Paul when the church at Colossae began.
 - Paul believed there would be no loss of quality of the work and preaching in places where Timothy and Titus had been preaching.

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- Paul had confidence that Tychicus could encourage the Christians.
 - Rom. 15:5-7 - “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.”

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- 2Cor. 1:3-6 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.”

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- 1Thes. 5:11, 14 - “Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing... 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”

What Kind Of Man Was Tychicus?

- Paul was certain Tychicus could work with Onesimus, a runaway slave.
- Paul trusted Tychicus to tell the truth about him and his work.
 - How much confidence does it take to feel certain he will not color the truth or promote himself or undermine Paul?
 - Paul never exaggerated the accomplishments of anyone.

What Is Tychicus' Example Teaching Us Today?

- It was not a popular thing to be a Christian in the first century. To be a Christian was not fashionable. To be friend of a man in jail for preaching the Gospel was not very safe position to take. Tychicus was willing to take the risk and pay the price for the Lord and for his fellow servants.

What Is Tychicus' Example Teaching Us Today?

- Tychicus was steady, solid, stable and faithful. He did not deem it beneath him to run errands for Paul. It takes a big man to do the little jobs with honor. He did them day in and day out. No one patted him on the head and told him how great he was. No one interviewed him for a publication. It's about the service, not the reward.

What Is Tychicus' Example Teaching Us Today?

- That being servants of the Lord means we are servants of each other
 - Philemon 21 - “Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.”
 - Gal. 5:13 - “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”
 - 1Cor. 9:19 - “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more.”
 - Gal. 6:2 - “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Tychicus,

- A beloved brother,
- A faithful minister,
- And a fellow servant in the Lord