

THE MAN WHO FELL ASLEEP IN CHURCH

Ministering To Spiritual Drop-outs!

Acts 20:7-12

- 7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.
- 8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.
- 9 Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.
- 10 Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"
- 11 Then Paul went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, Paul left.
- 12 The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE NAME "EUTYCHUS" ?
"EUTYCHUS" - "good man," "fortunate"

WHAT WAS THE OCCASION ?
A meeting of believers ! (vs 7)

WHY DID EUTYCHUS FALL ASLEEP ?

1. It was late (vs 7)
(A church's schedule can wear you out)
2. There were many smoky lamps (vs 8)
(Christians give off smoke!)
(There are things we do that make good people fall asleep!)
3. He was sitting on the window sill (vs 9)
(Not everybody CAN or WILL fit on the front row)
(There are many good people sitting on the sidelines)
4. Paul preached very long (vs 9)
(Not everybody hangs onto every word of the preacher)

HOW DID THE CHURCH MINISTER TO A DEAD EUTYCHUS ?

1. Supernatural Power (vs 10)
2. Personal Attention (vs 12)

WHAT WAS THE CHURCH'S PROGRAM BEFORE EUTYCHUS DROPPED OUT ?

1. Fellowship (vs 7)
2. Preaching of the Word (vs 7)

WHAT WAS THE CHURCH'S PROGRAM AFTER EUTYCHUS DROPPED OUT ?

1. Fellowship (vs 11)
2. Preaching the Word (vs 11)
3. Supernatural Power (vs 10)
4. Personal Attention (vs 12)

Note:
The Fellowship and Preaching did not change,
but Eutychus required Supernatural Power and Personal Attention.

WHO MINISTERED TO EUTYCHUS ?

"The PEOPLE took the young man home!" (vs 12)
(Paul left!)

NOTE:
The death and revival of Eutychus did not change Paul's plans.
Though greatly used by God to minister to Eutychus,
Paul went back upstairs, ate, preached and left town the next morning.

NOTE:
The church body **MUST** minister to its own!
The preachers can **NOT** do it all.

Honor and respect your ministers and recognize how God is moving powerfully through them, but minister to people as if the preachers are leaving the next day!

When the preachers are gone, the church body **MUST** minister to its own!

THE RESULT ?

"GREAT COMFORT" (vs 12)