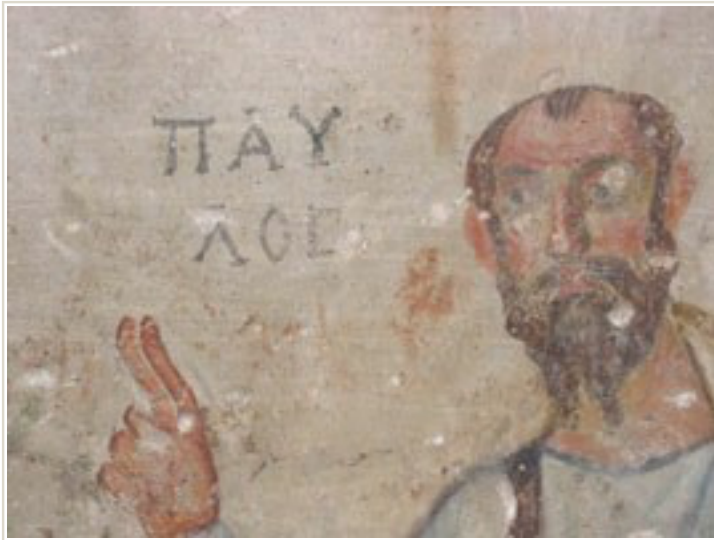


On Spiritual Energy: St. Paul the Apostle



St. Paul, Apostle (c. AD 5 - c. AD 67). This is a 4th century icon from the ancient city ruins of Ephesus.

St. Paul, An Apostle of Jesus Christ (c. AD 5 - c. AD 67)

Letter to the Ephesians (2:1-3) concerning demonic energy

"And you *He made alive*, when ye were dead in transgressions and sins, in which once ye walked according to the age of this world according to the **prince of the power of the air, the spirit now energizing in the sons of disobedience**, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the desires of our flesh, doing the things willed of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, as even the rest."

Letter to the Philippians (2:12-16) concerning Godly energy

"Therefore, my beloved, even as ye always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, be working out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for **God is the One Who energizeth in you both the willing and the operating energy** for the sake of *His* good pleasure. Be doing all things without murmurings and disputings, in order

that ye might become blameless and unsullied, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and wayward generation, among whom ye shine as luminaries in *the* world, holding forth the word of life...”

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