

~ERASTUS 2 (26)

(E-ras'tus) [Beloved, Lovely]

- The city steward of Corinth whose greetings Paul includes in his letter to the Romans.
- Gaius, my host and that of all the congregation, greets you. **Erastus** the city steward greets you, and so does Quartus his brother (**Romans 16:23**)
- During excavations in Corinth in **1929 C.E.** Professor **T. L. Shear** discovered a pavement with an inscription, in **Latin**, that reads: **Erastus, procurator and aedile, laid this pavement at his own expense.** Although it is not known whether this is the **Erastus** mentioned by Paul, the pavement is believed to have existed in the **First Century C.E.**
- It has been suggested that the city steward was also Paul's traveling companion. See **ERASTUS 1**, above. However, since it would have been difficult for **Erastus** to accompany Paul and at the same time care for his duties as city steward, those who favor this identification generally conclude that **Erastus** held this official position at an earlier time and therefore Paul refers to him by this title.