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“Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ’s gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.” (2 Cor. 2:12-13).

Like Paul, a missionary goes out there to preach the gospel expecting to meet men who come to him or from him to visit others.

Congregations would deliver letter, or bring letters, or otherwise take message from missionary and bring information on the state of affairs in the churches locally.

Thus whenever the missionary arrives in any given place it might be with expectation that one of his co-workers would join him there.

Such was the expectation of Paul at Troas. His intention always is to preach Christian gospel, the unsearchable riches mention in Ephesians 3:8. Therefore any opportunities along these lines must be seen a door opened unto us of the Lord to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Christian opens doors (Rev 3:7-8) and we should accept that truth without doubt. Our problem is that we do not see the door opened and often because we are preoccupied with non-spiritual matters.

In verse 13, Paul says *“I had no rest in my spirit”*. Paul was troubled because he expected to meet Titus when he arrived and he did not.

Christians should always resist Satan; he will flee (James 4:7). Satan has many wiles (Eph. 6:11) schemes, tactics, devices etc.

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“Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.” (2 Cor. 2:14-15).

We should, as far as we are concerned, praise and give thanks unto God. Paul gave thanks unto God. He praised and thanked God for the opportunities. God provided doors opened unto Paul.

When Bro. Ellis arrived in Kenya, particularly Nakuru, we had the opportunities to hear. God had opened the door for us to go. God always will make us to triumph in Christ by following and teaching the truth. Trials, pains, disappointments, and yes, failures

in some aspects of the work, never do mean that the cause of God is totally lost.

In verse 15 Paul says, “*For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ.*” We have since Brother Ellis left us tried as much as we could do, in order to reach others. We do meet some opposition, of course, from those who believe in multiple cups. They look and speak falsely about us. To them, we are rebels and therefore teach another gospel (Gal. 1:6-9). But others see the light and accept the truth.

However, the work of making known the gospel is sending forth of that sweet-smelling fragrance before God. Whether the teaching is done to those who will be obedient or to those who will continually reject it. The word accomplished its work as far as God so designed it (Isa. 55:11).

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