

## The Benediction of Ephesians

### Ephesians 6:21-24

#### Study Questions

1. The last four verses of Ephesians include some personal words about the people that ministered to Paul, as well as a final prayer and benediction for the Ephesian believers.
  - a. What can believers 2000 years removed from when this letter was written learn from 6:21-24?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Why did Paul send Tychicus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. How are 6:23-24 connected to Ephesians 1:2?
  
2. In 6:21, Paul describes Tychicus as a “Faithful brother and beloved servant.” Colossians 4:7 adds “fellow slave.”
  - a. What does this tell us about Tychicus’ character and willingness to serve and support his leaders?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What does 6:21 tell us about the relationships Paul had with the church in Ephesus (see also Acts 20:17-38)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. How can the faithful example of Tychicus encourage those who may feel as if their ministry seems mundane or not exciting?
  
3. In the benediction, Paul asks that they receive *peace, love, and grace*. These words are more than a polite statement you add to the end of a letter, they are packed with meaning and genuine desire.
  - a. If Christians already possess peace from God, in what sense does Paul mean?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What can we learn about “love with faith” from Paul’s prayers in the letter, and why would this be included in his final words?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. What experience of grace does Paul desire for those who love Christ?