

THE CLOSING GREETING
(Ephesians 6:21-24)

- I. A Personal WORD (Eph. 6:21-22)
 - A. Nearly IDENTICAL with Colossians 4:7-8
 - B. Describes Tychicus as a MESSENGER
 - 1. Paul's personal REPRESENTATIVE to the ASIAN churches (Acts 20:4)
 - 2. Mentioned with Artemas as possible relief for TITUS in Crete (Titus 3:12)
 - 3. Sent to EPHESUS at the END of Paul's LIFE (2 Tim. 4:12)
 - C. Praises Tychicus's CHARACTER
 - 1. *The* BELOVED BROTHER in Christ
 - 2. A LOYAL SERVANT of Christ
 - D. Defines Tychicus's PURPOSE
 - 1. To DELIVER this LETTER/EPISTLE
 - 2. To give an ORAL REPORT on Paul's status
 - 3. To ENCOURAGE the Ephesian believers

- II. An Apostolic BENEDECTION (Eph. 6:23-24)
 - A. Three DOMINANT blessings from Ephesians (6:23a)
 - 1. “PEACE”—with GOD and among THEMSELVES
 - 2. “LOVE”—the MOTIVE for reconciliation
 - 3. “FAITH”—the SOURCE of their love
 - B. The SOURCE of their blessings (6:23b)
 - 1. From GOD the FATHER
 - 2. From the LORD JESUS CHRIST
 - C. The overarching THEME of Ephesians—“GRACE” (6:24)
 - 1. Called “THE GRACE”
 - 2. Refers to believers as “ALL those who LOVE our Lord Jesus Christ” (cf. 1 Cor. 16:22)
 - 3. Closes with “INCORRUPTIBLY” or “UNFAILINGLY”
 - a. May refer to OUR unfailing or incorruptible LOVE for CHRIST
 - b. May refer to CHRIST’S unfailing or incorruptible GRACE toward US
 - c. May refer to CHRIST’S unfailing or incorruptible IDENTITY as LORD
 - d. Probably refers to OUR unfailing or incorruptible LIFE as CHRIST’S