



FINAL GREETING

Lesson #48 — Ephesians 6:21-24

Paul's Prison Letters Messengers

- Epaphroditus, messenger to the Philippians. (Philippians 4:18)
- Epaphras, messenger to the Colossians. (Colossians 1:7; 12)
- Onesimus (Philemon's slave) from Colossae to Philemon. (Philemon 10)
- His letter to the Romans was delivered by Pheobe. (Romans 16:1-2)
- Tychicus from Ephesus to Ephesians. (Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 4:7; 2 Timothy 4:12)
- HOW IMPORTANT WERE THESE MESSENGERS IN GOD'S PLAN?
MEDITATE!

Tychicus (vv. 21-22; Colossians 4:7)

- Paul sitting in prison wants his brothers and sisters to be comforted!
MEDITATE ON THIS!
- A **beloved brother** ... Are YOU a **beloved** brother or sister?
- A **faithful minister**
 - ... a minister is a slave to others! Tychicus was a faithful "waiter of tables."
 - ... faithful. What is your definition of faithful.
 - ... "In the Lord"
 - What about us? Are we faithful ministers? (Hebrews 6:10-12)

Final Greeting (vv. 23-24)

- "peace to the brethren"
 - (Philippians 4:6-7) This is the "peace of GOD, which surpasses all understanding..." **Meditate on this!**
 - This peace will **GUARD** our hearts. (v. 7)
 - There is a **DOING** that is necessary. (v. 8)
 - **IMITATE PAUL!** (v. 9)
 - This is **PERFECT PEACE** - Isaiah 26:3-4.
 - This is **CHRIST'S PEACE** - John 14:27; 16:33
- "love with faith" - this is biblical love, sincere, genuine, sacrificial.
- This peace and love have their **SOURCE**, not in Paul, but from God the Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
- "grace" - all the blessings and **POWER** of God!
- Paul's prayer was not for everyone!!!!!
 - All those who **LOVE** our **Lord Jesus Christ** in **sincerity** (incorruptibility; unending existence; genuineness).
 - This kind of love is demonstrated in **OBEDIENCE**. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
 - Those who do not love the **Lord Jesus Christ**, let him be accursed! (1 Corinthians 16:22)