

## Ephesians 6:21-24 – The Conclusion

Here Paul tells the folks that he is doing well, but also says that he is sending a servant to convey all that to them. This servant will give them all the details they are looking for. It is a normal ending for one of Paul's letters. So while there is not much spirituality in saying "Goodbye", Paul does give us an idea of the relationship he has with the church there.

1. So you know about my circumstances – Vs. 21 – Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter. Prison was not a fun place to be. No TV, basketball, no library, no weight room, no three square meals a day. They were not even given medical care except in the very basic emergency cases. More people died in prison than got out.
2. He will comfort your hearts – Vs. 22 – Paul knew that the church there worried about him. He had spent about three years there preaching and teaching so he had developed many friendships and people were concerned about Paul.

So what would Tychicus tell the church there? How would he communicate Paul's condition and his desire for the church? Paul really had a few main messages in this letter. This letter was written mainly to believers in Ephesus. They were being encouraged and challenged to continue to live a Christ wanted them to and as Paul had taught them to live. He gave them three main points.

1. The Position of the Believer – 1:3 – 3:21
  - a. We have been chosen before the world to live with God for eternity if we believe on Jesus. – vs. 1:4
  - b. Jesus Christ sealed us in our salvation for eternity – 1:13
  - c. God made and controls everything – 1:22
  - d. Saved by God's grace – 2:8-9
  - e. Believers make up one body, the whole church, both Jew and Gentile – 3:6
2. The Practice of the Believer – 4:1 – 6:9
  - a. We are called to walk in a worthy manner – 4:1
  - b. We all have spiritual gifts to use – 4:11
  - c. We are to live differently than we did before we were saved – 4:17
  - d. Let the Holy Spirit rule your life – 5:18-
  - e. How we should treat our family, spouses and children – 5:33 – 6:9
3. The Protection of the Believer – 6:10 – 20
  - a. God's definition of who our enemy is – 6:12
  - b. The power and strength of the Holy Spirit – 6:10
  - c. Description of the Full Armor of God – 6:13-18