

A Sure Foundation: The Letter To The Ephesians

16 –FINAL THOUGHTS (EPHESIANS 6:18-24)

I. Pray (Ephesians 6:18-19)

- Paul points out that believers should be watchful and pray with every type of prayer.
- They are to pray for all the saints and for himself.
- The word “saints” means “holy ones” and refers to all believers.

II. Paul’s Prayer Requests (Ephesians 6:19-20)

A. The Words to Speak (Ephesians 6:19)

- Paul is asking that they would pray that words would be given to him to speak.

B. Boldness to Speak the Mystery (Ephesians 6:19-20)

- Paul wanted them to pray that he would speak boldly concerning the mystery of the gospel.
- He points out that he was imprisoned for sharing the gospel as Christ’s ambassador.

C. Boldness to Speak in General (Ephesians 6:20)

- Paul wanted them to pray that he would speak boldly as he ought to in general.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹ And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴ And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

III. The Report Concerning Paul (Ephesians 6:21-22)

A. Paul’s Messenger (Ephesians 6:21)

- Paul was sending Tychicus to them so that they would know about him and his situation.

Historical Note: Tychicus

Tychicus was a traveling companion and fellow worker with the apostle Paul. He was possibly a native of Ephesus. He was one of the believers chosen by the churches to bring the gift of money to the church in Jerusalem. He was with Paul during in first imprisonment in Rome. During Paul’s second imprisonment in Rome, he was sent by Paul to Ephesus.

See: Acts 20:4; Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 4:7; 2 Timothy 4:12; Titus 3:12.

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B. The Messenger's Purpose (Ephesians 6:22)

- Paul sent Tychicus to them to answer their questions concerning his condition.
- Paul also sent Tychicus to them in order to bring comfort in the midst of their concerns.

IV. Paul's Farewell (Ephesians 6:23-24)

- Paul pronounces a three-fold blessing on his readers.
- First, he pronounces peace to the brethren.
- He then pronounces love with faith for his readers.
- He points out that peace and love with faith come from God the Father and Jesus Christ.
- Finally, Paul pronounces grace to all those who sincerely love Jesus Christ.