

***“Blessed be the God &
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ”***

Eph 6:21-24

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Key Question:

Are we willing to be patient with the Lord and do the hard work of study and meditation until we come to see something of the spiritual depth of all of God's words?

Three Insights about Eph 6:21-22:

1. Paul really loved those he served.

1 Corinthians 4:14-17

“¹⁴ I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers.

For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I

Jeremiah 23:1-4

“¹ ‘Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!’ declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: ‘You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:1-4

“³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.”

Key Questions:

- Do you think about the church in biblical ways or are your ideas more formed by your background and the culture?
- How would your interaction with the church change if you came to envision it in a more biblical way?

Three Insights about Eph 6:21-22:

1. Paul really loved those he served.
2. Ministry is *always* a partnership.
3. Tychicus—a beloved brother & faithful minister in the Lord.

Ephesians 6:23-24

“²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”

Four Insights about Eph 6:23-24:

1. In the Greek language, the word “brothers” is *adelphoi* (αδελφοι) which means “brothers” but which often implies “brothers & sisters.”
2. The entirety of the gospel is contained in the words “peace be to the brothers...”

Ephesians 2:11-18

“¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands--¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh

Ephesians 2:11-18

¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”

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3. The phrase “love with faith” implies a divine love not a human love.

Four Insights about Eph 6:23-24:

4. “Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”
 - The word for “incorruptible” means “not subject to decay or death” and therefore Paul has an incorruptible or undying love in mind here.
 - Question: who loves Christ like that?
 - Paul is saying, “Grace be with all those in whom the grace of God is already at work in Christ.”