

Ephesians

Epilogue: The Blessings of Peace, Love with Faith & Grace

Ephesians 6:21-24

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I. An Overview of Ephesians

The _____ statement of our Triune God is found in Eph. 1:10: “That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him.” As we’ve studied through this letter, we’ve seen how God is carrying this purpose down into every corner of our lives. He has drawn us out of our sin, made us alive in Christ, destroyed our own personal enmity with God, and created in its place love (Eph. 2:1-10). We were once enemies of God, doing the will of the devil from the heart, but now we have been brought near and made friends through Christ’s redeeming work. In fact, He has formed an entire people, called the Church, whose story is this: an entire people who have been re-tuned to sing His praises once again. And as He carries on this work, God destroys the barriers standing between nations: first between the Jews and the rest of the nations, and as His gracious presence is driving redemption in the world, He is reconciling nation to nation, creating peace under the banner of Christ, making His kingdom a kingdom of kingdoms, with nations and peoples, tribes and languages, combining their voices to sing His praise (Eph. 2:11–3:21).

God has given us this peace, and He commands us to keep this peace. He has turned our hearts back to Him in love. He has knit us together to one another with a strong seven cord unity. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called in one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all. The Church stands with Christ who is her new Adam and she His new Eve, and we stand in the Kingdom of God as a new Eden (Eph. 4:1-6). We have been given peace; we have been recreated to function how we’re supposed to. And now we must live in this peace, walk in this peace, grow and be fruitful in this peace. In the second half of Ephesians, Paul tirelessly presses this exhortation into all of life (Eph. 4:7–6:20).

All things are being summed up in _____, and so the Apostle laid out for us what that new life, summed up in Christ, ought to look like—and it looks like a life of overflowing grace. We receive from above, and give out again below. Or, like a tree, we receive rain, nutrients, and we bring forth fruit for others to eat. That’s how God made this world, and that is how God is redeeming this world.

II. Text — Ephesians 6:21-24

21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; 22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts. 23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

III. The Blessings of God

“Peace to the brethren.” We have from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ peace for the Church. God has reconciled us to Himself through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. And if we

have been given peace, then we must make _____. We must pursue peace with all people. We must live at peace with others, so long as it depends on us.

“Love with faith.” We have received love with faith from our God. He has poured out into our hearts the love of God by the Holy Spirit so that we are filled with divine love; this is love that is tethered to our God by the cord of faith. It was this love that led Christ to take on frail flesh and die for our sake. It was this love that took Him to the cross. And it was this love that could not be buried and forgotten and lost forever. Christ’s love is a love that burns hotter than hell, a love which death himself could not stomach (Song of Songs 8:6-7).

This is the love Paul prays as a blessing upon our heads. It is the love God has given to us in Jesus Christ. And so we ought to catch it in our sails. We, too, ought to live lives animated by the Spirit of love. We, too, driven by this love in turn love the saints and we love the world that does not know Christ.

This love is with _____. You cannot do hard things if you don’t trust the Lord to bring a harvest from it. The love of God will lead us to do difficult things, but in order for us to carry out that work we need to have faith, trusting Him for His promises, trusting that if we do in fact lose our life, that we will find it, trusting that what we commit to the Lord He will keep, He will bless, He will grow and multiply.

“Grace.” Paul prays upon us the blessing of grace. Grace is not merely God’s favorable posture toward us. He does smile at us in Christ *and* He also makes His _____ with us. As with the Israelites traveling through the wilderness, their one comfort was that God was with them, so also this same promise have we received (Matt. 28:18-20). Christ never abandons His Church. He is at the helm of His ship. He fashioned this Ark from His own body and blood, and He is with us still. The gracious presence of Christ our Lord is with us, and so we have confidence that He will lead us in the victory, that He will lead us through every storm, He will fight in every battle—and so we will come out victorious. Our battle, an otherwise losing battle—because Christ is with us, we have great hope.

“Undying love.” Paul ends not just his benediction, but his letter with a qualification which serves as both an encouragement, and also a _____: “Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with *undying love*.” This is the all-important qualification. We’ve seen what Christ the Lord is doing in this world. He is bringing to pass the eternal decree of the Father, thus uniting all things to Himself, making the cosmos sing again. This is good news. But only for those who love Jesus—who love the melody line. Those who have no love for Christ, let them be accursed (1 Cor. 16:22).

The most important thing is that we love Jesus, and that we keep our love for Jesus burning hot. In fact, later in the New Testament, we learn that Christ paid a visit to the Ephesian church (Rev. 2). In His address to the Ephesians Jesus Christ charges them saying that they have forgotten their first _____. They had moved on from Jesus. They had let their love for Him grow cold. Don’t be like these Ephesians. Rather, let your love for Jesus mature and grow stronger, be loyal to Him, cleave to His Word, trust in His promises, hope in His strength. Pray to Him for this: ask Him to deepen your affection.

IV. Come & Welcome to Jesus Christ