Love Among God's Family

We are members of God's family

Adopted into God's family (Eph 1:5)

Brought together to be at peace with one another (2:14-16)

Citizens in God's kingdom

Members of His household

Forming a holy temple for Him (2:19-22)

Fellow members of Christ's body, the church (3:1-7; 4:11-16)

Ephesians 6:21-24 Message

Staying connected, a suffering saint ministers to his brethren by employing three relational habits

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Paul employs three relational habits

- 1. He provided personal information for prayer, comfort and encouragement
- 2. He told them he prays for them to have peaceful, loving interactions
- 3. He told them he prays for God's continual supply of spiritual help

Encourage each other with relevant personal information (21-22)

Be candid about praying for peaceful, loving interactions in the church (23)

Be candid about praying for God's continual supply of spiritual help (24)

Three relational habits flowing from love among God's family Eph 6:5-6a

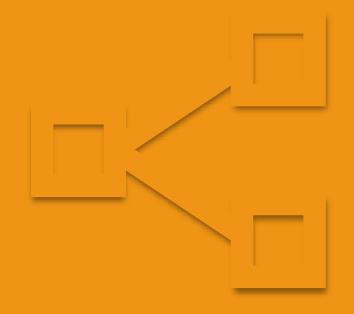
...or, family love in action

Tychicus - Beloved brother, faithful servant

- Beloved brother and faithful servant (Eph 6:21; Col 4:7)
- From the province of Asia, possibly Ephesus (Acts 20:4; 21:29)
- Character of a servant (diakonos), counted on to serve
- Part of Paul's missionary team (Acts 20:4)
- Delivered five NT letters: Col, Phile, Eph, 2 Tim and Titus
- Relieved Timothy in Ephesus to join Paul (2 Tim 4:12)
- May have relieved Titus in Crete to join Paul (Titus 3:12)

"Love with faith" (Eph 6:23)

Genuine faith will cause Christlike love to expand in our relationships



Paul wrote Ephesians so that believers will discover the vastness of God's love in calling them

and

so that this knowledge would motivate them to walk in a manner worthy of their calling.

Purpose of Ephesians

Ephesians Outline

I. Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)

- A. Greetings (1:1-2).
- B. Paul praised God for the **riches** of His glory (1:3-14).
- C. Paul thanked God and prayed for them to know the value of their blessings (1:15-23).
- D. Paul reflected on the **hope** of God's calling (2:1-22)
- E. Paul encouraged them with the greatness of God's power (3:1-13).
- F. Paul praised God and prayed for them to know the vastness of God's love (3:14-21)

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II. Walk in a manner worthy of your calling (4-6)

- A. Walk in unity (4:1-16)
- B. Walk in **holiness** (4:17-32)
- C. Walk in **love** (5:1-6)
- D. Walk in **light** (5:7-14)
- E. Walk in wisdom (5:15-6:9)
- F. Stand firm in spiritual warfare (6:10-20)
- G. Closing Comments (6:21-24)