



“The Last Word Is Grace”

October 25, 2026 | Text: Ephesians 6:21-24

Big Idea: Paul's last word over the church is God's own word: peace, love, faith, and grace on all who love Christ.

1. A Faithful Brother (vv. 21-22)

[21] So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. [22] I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

- A. Still going where he's sent (Acts 20:4; 2 Timothy 4:12)
- B. "The beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord"
- C. For want of a nail: the faithful nobody who carried the letter
- D. "That you may know how we are" (Ephesians 6:19)

2. A Glad Benediction (vv. 23-24a)

[23] Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [24] Grace be with all...

- A. A prayer, and a pronouncement (Ephesians 6:20)
- B. Peace with God and with each other (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:14)
- C. Love with faith (Ephesians 1:15)
- D. Grace, the first word and the last (Ephesians 1:2)

3. A Searching Test (v. 24)

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

- A. The arrow turns around (Ephesians 1:4; 2:4; 3:19; 5:2, 25)
- B. An ongoing, incorruptible love (1 Corinthians 15:42)
- C. The mark of grace, not its price (Ephesians 2:8)
- D. "Do you love Me?" (John 21:15-17; 1 John 4:19)

4. Through the Doorway (Ephesians 1:2; 6:23-24)

Grace and peace at the front door, peace and grace at the back.

Application:

1. Be a Tychicus: faithful where you're sent, seen or unseen.
2. Tell each other how you're really doing, so we can pray.
3. Hear the benediction as the King's word, not the closing bell.
4. Wish for those you love what Paul did: peace, love, faith, grace.
5. Let Christ's peace reach the person three rows back.
6. Your love for Christ doesn't buy grace; grace produces it.
7. If your love is thin, don't start with yours. Start with His.
8. Every command rests on grace, and the last word is grace.

Pray the Benediction This Week:

Mon: peace · Tue: love with faith · Wed: grace · Thu: love incorruptible
Fri: a Tychicus · Sat: a cold heart · Sun: the benediction

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: Where has God sent me to carry something for Him, even if no one notices? When I pray for the people I love most, what fills those prayers? Do I hear the benediction as God's word over me, or am I reaching for my keys? Where would I find love for Christ on my list? Do I love Him more than I did a year ago? If my love has gone cold, will I go back to the cross and look again at how He loved me?

Next week: We begin our new series in the book of Ruth. (1:1-5)

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