

Ephesians 6:21-24

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"...beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called..."
Ephesians 4:1

A Character Study of Tychicus

What do we know of Tychicus?

- His name: Pronounced "too-khee-kos" in the Greek, means "fateful".
- He was Asian. Possibly converted and picked up in Ephesus during Paul's third missionary journey.
- His travel with Paul was extensive – from Jerusalem to Rome.
- His ministry with Paul may have been 10-15 years.
- He personally carried at least two of Paul's Epistles to their destination, Ephesians & Colossians.

Character of Tychicus: (Eph. 6:21-22 & Col. 4:7-8)

1) BELOVED BROTHER

- Are you one who craves fellowship with the "brothers"? Would you be called "beloved" by you fellow Christians?

2) FAITHFUL MINISTER

- Faithful is the Greek *pistos* - "worthy to be believed; true, just, trustworthy, observant of and steadfast to one's trust, word, or promises." (Matthew 25:21,23)
- Paul entrusted Tychicus to accurately relay information about himself and his ministry. If not, Paul would have felt the need to write it down in the letters.
- Minister is a servant. In II Timothy 4:5, Paul charges Timothy to "fulfill your ministry". It seems very evident that Tychicus was one who fulfilled the role God gave him.

3) FELLOW SERVANT

- Literally a "bondservant" – a fellow slave of the Lord.
- Like Paul, it seems that Tychicus had his eyes fixed on Christ. (Phil. 3:13-14)

Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus from Berea, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. (*Acts 20: 4*)

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. (*Ephesians 6:21*)

Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. (*Colossians 4: 7*)

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. (*Titus 3: 12*)

Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. (*2 Timothy 4: 12*)

24 Q How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice (Heb 9:28), and to reconcile us to God (Heb 2:17) and in making continual intercession for us (Heb 7:25).