

"Stand Therefore" Ephesians 6:14-17

Leave No Unguarded Place

(1 Peter 5:8)

# "Standing Strong In The Armor Of God" Requires Prayer

Verses 18-20 – A life of **fervent faith** requires the personal attention of God. Ephesians 6:18-20.

- Armor alone does not make a good soldier!
- 1. <u>Pray for each other</u>. (Unselfish) 6:18-19 (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 12:12; Luke 18:1). Watchful, persevering supplication. (Philippians 1:4; 4:6,19)
- 2. <u>Pray for me</u> ... Preach the gospel. 6:19-20. Boldness, clarity and purpose.

NOTE: Paul often asked for the prayers of the saints. (Romans 15:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

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1. A message when I speak. "utterance ... mystery."

Ephesians: Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-4, 8-9; 6:19

cf. Colossians: 1:26-27; 2:2; 4:3

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Paul asks for two things:

- 1. "Utterance ... mystery."
- 2. Courage. Acts 4:13; Note: Acts 21:11-14
  - Even in chains, Paul would not be timid. cf. Philippians 1:12ff
  - b. cf. Acts 19; 20:3; 1 Corinthians 15:32; 2 Corinthians 11:3

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Four "all(s)" of prayer ...

- The variety of prayer, "prayer and supplication."
   Philippians 4:6, 19
- When and where to pray, "all seasons ... in the Spirit." 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18
- The manner of prayer. "watching ... in all perseverance" cf. Colossians 4:2ff, not easily discouraged.
- Objects of prayer. "for all the saints ... my behalf."

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Verses 21-24 - Conclusion:

Tychicus, will bring the brethren up to date about Paul's circumstances. (Ephesians 6:21-22)

#### **NOTE:**

- 1. Had traveled with Paul through Greece and back to Asia on Paul's third preaching tour. Acts 20:1-6
- 2. With Paul in Rome. 1st imprisonment.
- 3. Bearer of this epistle, Colossians, and Philemon.
- 4. With Paul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> imprisonment, sent to Ephesus. 2 Timothy 4:12
- 5. "Beloved" and "Faithful."

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Closing:

"Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in all sincerity. Amen" (Ephesians 6:23-24)

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