

Evidence of the Gospel in Paul's Relationships

Ephesians 6:21-24

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INTRODUCTION:

As Paul concludes Ephesians, evidence of the gospel in his relationships is on full display.

I. Gospel evidence in Paul and Tychicus, 6:21-22.

1. The gospel forges beloved and faithful unions, Eph 6:21.
2. The gospel makes you willing to risk your neck for others (Tychicus for Paul).
3. The gospel is not threatened by closer relationships, 2 Tm 4:12; Ti 3:12.
4. The gospel makes you a servant to other relationships, Eph 6:21-22; 2 Tm 4:12; Ti 3:12.

II. Gospel evidence in Paul and the Ephesians, 6:21-24.

1. The gospel does not guarantee heartache-free relationships, Ac 20:22-25, 36-38.
2. But the gospel seeks to comfort where there is sorrow in relationships, Eph 6:22.
3. The gospel strives to sustain long-distance relationships, Eph 6:21-22.
4. The gospel desires God's peace and Christian love to flourish in others, Eph 6:23.
5. The gospel desires God's grace on lovers of Christ, Eph 6:24.