

# Men's Bible Study **Calvary Chapel** Cajon

## Ephesians 6:18-24

**Pray; Read Ephesians 6:18-24**

1. Ephesians 6:18-24 has been divided into two sections. List below the subject(s) covered in each section.

**Verses 18-20**

**Verses 21-24**

2. Choose symbols for the following key words: *God, Jesus, Spirit, and prayer/praying*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Ephesians 6:18-24. Remember, as you mark these words, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to them.

*<sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints – <sup>19</sup> and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

*<sup>21</sup> But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; <sup>22</sup> whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts. <sup>23</sup> Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.*

3. The word *that* is used six times in Ephesians 6:18-24. Underline each time the word is used.
  - a. Paul used the word *that* to express his desires for their prayers and to explain why he was sending *Tychicus* to Ephesus. Scan through the text and make a list of the explanations that follow each use of the word *that*.

- 1.) If this was all you knew about Paul, how would you describe him?

4. Now that the soldier is dressed for battle in all of his armor, Paul adds two things in verse 18 that the believer should also do in order to be fully prepared for warfare. What is the first instruction?
5. What word does Paul use to express how often we are to *pray*?
  - a. Realistically, we cannot be *always* praying or praying *without ceasing*. In a practical sense, what do you think Paul is telling us to do?
6. *Prayer* refers to all kinds of prayer including praise and thanksgiving. It basically means "praying to God". *Supplication* refers to specific requests, which includes praying for yourself and for others. 1 Kings 8:52 records a prayer of Solomon as he dedicated the temple. What did he pray?
  - a. We can read God's response to Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 9:3. What was it?
7. What does it mean to you that God wants you to pray for yourself; to take your personal needs to Him?
8. The three words which follow the word *supplication* in Ephesians 6:18 help us to determine how we can pray for ourselves, yet pray unselfishly. What are they?
  - a. What does Romans 8:26,27 say about this?
    - 1.) According to 1 John 5:14,15, what is the promised result of *praying in the Spirit* (*asking according to God's will*)?
      - a.) How does this differ from praying according to your own will?

9. In Ephesians 6:18, Paul includes with his instruction to pray, an additional command. What are we to do?

10. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to *watch* in Matthew 26:41?

a. What other instruction did he give them?

11. Often, the words *watch* and *pray* are linked together. Consider the following verses by recording what they say about this:

Colossians 4:2

1 Peter 4:7

a. Describe what you think it means to *be watchful in your prayers*.

1.) What does the word *perseverance* (Ephesians 6:18) add to your understanding of this instruction?

12. In addition to making *supplication* in our prayers for ourselves, who are we also to pray for? Ephesians 6:18b

a. What are some things we might pray for other *saints*? Consider Colossians 1:9-12.

1.) Ephesians 6:18 should challenge us to pray, not only for *saints* we know, but for those we do not know. Who (or what ministry) will you either pray more for or begin praying for?

13. Read the closing verses (23,24) of this incredible letter. What does Paul desire for those he ministered to?
  
14. Although *prayer* is not mentioned as a specific piece of armor, how is the believer protected as a result of their prayers?
  
15. This letter to the Ephesians has been rich with doctrine and practical application. As you think about all you have learned in this letter, what are some of your impressions?

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,  
beseech you to walk worthy of the calling  
with which you were called,  
- Ephesians 4:1