

# “Chin UP”

## Ephesians 6:21-24

We **NEED Encouragement**...

At his **Heart**, Paul was very much an **Encourager of Others**

Paul gives us an Excellent **Example** of how **WE** should **encourage** others...

1. **PEACE** (**Peace** to the brethren . . . (6:23a)
  - Paul desired “**Shalom**” – a sense of **Well-being**. (Numbers 6:24-26)
  - **One Blessing of a Right Relationship with God is PEACE**. (Jeremiah 29:11)
  - **Jesus** gives us a **PEACE** that the **world Cannot Match**. (John 14:27)
  - **PEACE** must **BE PURSUED** with **all of our might**.
  
2. **LOVE** (**Peace** be to the brethren, and **Love**...(6:23a)
  - **Each One** of us is **Created by God** with a **Desire to be Truly LOVED**...
  - **Real Love** is something we **DO**...**Real Love** requires **EFFORT**
  - **LOVE** is very Much **Worth** it. (1 John 4:20-21)
  - Those who **Deserve Love** the **LEAST** probably **Need it the MOST**.
  
3. **FAITH** (Love with **Faith**...(6:23b)
  - We **Not Only** need **LOVE**, we need **Love with FAITH**.
  - **Faith** is a **Simple Trust** that **YOU** are in **GOD’S Hands**.
  - **Many Times** we need More **Faith**. (Luke 17:5)
  - **Faith** is a **PROCESS** of **Daily Building** our **Trust in God**.
  
4. **GRACE** (**Grace** be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ” (6:24)
  - **Grace OPENED** the Letter in verse 2.
  - **Grace** is the **SUBJECT** of the letter. (Ephesians 2:7-8)
  - **Grace CONCLUDES** this letter because **it’s God’s GRACE** which **SAVES** us & **SUSTAINS** us.
  - When **Our Sin** murdered **His Son**, God **Pardoned** us & **Adopted** us as **His Own Children**...that’s **GRACE!**
  - So **HOW** can **WE** be **ENCOURAGED?**

- ***Be Grateful*** for what God ***HAS Done***, ***Be Thankful*** for ***opportunities*** to serve Him ***TODAY***, and ***Be Assured*** of the ***strength*** He provides for your ***FUTURE***.