



(EPHESIANS 6:23-24; PART TWO)

There is no such thing as mere chit chat, verbal fluff, or wasted words in the Bible. Everything that is written in Scripture matters, because all of it is supernaturally inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16). This even includes the closing words of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Christian Church at Ephesus. Sure, at first glance, these "goodbye" verses (Ephesians 6:23-24) can seem to be little more than a wordy, maybe even a rather sentimental *Adios!* But as you study them, it dawns on you that Paul's sign-off is actually a rich reminder to Christians that we must constantly recall why belonging to Jesus is such an amazing blessing. So, let's pick-up where we left off in our previous study and **REMEMBER WHY** we chose to follow our Lord Jesus Christ in the first place.

1. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He gives us true \_\_\_\_\_.
2. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He makes us \_\_\_\_\_.
3. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He showers us with \_\_\_\_\_ at its very best.
4. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He builds strong \_\_\_\_\_ within us.
5. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He sets us \_\_\_\_\_ with God Almighty.
6. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He shows us that God truly is our \_\_\_\_\_ Dearest.
7. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He is our...

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\_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus

8. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He is the...

9. (v.23) We follow Jesus because He is the...

10. (v.24) We follow Jesus because He is God's...

11. (v.24) We follow Jesus because He guarantees...

## FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor John's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. Why is it important for us to **REMEMBER WHY** we follow Jesus in the first place? Why are *you* following Him?
2. Pastor John shared five practical ways that our lives, on a daily basis, should reflect the **Lord** Jesus as our **Commander-in-Chief**? What were those five ways and which one spoke most personally to you?
3. **Psalms 26:12; 32:1** - *Bless the LORD when my foot stands on level ground. But no matter the times, bless the Lord!* What does it mean to *bless the LORD*? How does it change us when we bless our Lord Jesus continuously? When you bless God, what does that look like?
4. What does the name **Jesus** mean? Scripture teaches that there is power, praise, perfection, promise, passion, purpose, purity, pardon, and protection... all in the **NAME** of Jesus. How important it is that we stay totally tuned in to the preciousness of that **NAME**?
5. The Bible (including **Ephesians 6:24**) talks a lot about the **grace** of **God**. What did we learn about the grace of God in this last message? How should His grace shape *every aspect* of your life? Why do you love God's grace?

**EASTER** is on the way. The **NUMBER ONE** reason non-Christians do not come to church on Easter is because Christians don't invite them. Please don't be that kind of Christian. Grab some NCFE Easter invite cards from church and start now to invite people to our Easter services. In your group, **PRAY** that the Lord will use this Easter at NCFE to see many people come to **faith** in Jesus and to see many Christians become more **faithful** to Jesus.