

how he is faring in Rome, and especially as they had heard that he was in prison. Many in his condition would have much to say in a letter, about his life in prison; but Paul barely alludes to it once or twice. He says: *That you may know my affairs and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known unto you all things.* Tychicus was the one by whom the letter was sent to them, and Paul says that he sent him *for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.* We should expect the Christians in Asia would be the ones to send a messenger to comfort Paul in prison. But instead, he is sending a beloved brother and companion all the way to Asia to comfort their hearts in their anxiety about him. So he was ever thinking, not of his own, but of others' welfare and comfort.

Then for the last word of peace and love and faith, and a prayer that these might be the gift *from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* So the epistle closes with that name, "which is above every name," and to the believer, the sweetest name that ever was uttered by tongue of men or angels.

*Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. — Amen.*