

TYCHICUS – FINDING HIS SWEET SPOT!

Titus 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

“The two most important days in your life:

- The day you are born
- The day you find out why

Mark Twain

Tychicus: found 5X in the NT

1. Tychicus – a collaborator **With** Paul!

Acts 20:1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

Acts 20:2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

Acts 20:3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

Acts 20:4 And there accompanied him into Asia **Sopater** of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, **Aristarchus** and **Secundus**; and **Gaius** of Derbe, and **Timotheus**; and of Asia, **Tychicus** and **Trophimus**.

We find Paul travelling with a group of workers → collaborators!

“A person who jointly works with others to achieve a common goal, particularly in artistic, scientific, or professional projects.”

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Collaborating:

- As part of a team (there is no “I” in team)
- For the Gospel & the whole counsel of God
- In his role / function
- Happily
- Working happily **With** a team

2. Tychicus – an interpreter & defender **Of** Paul!

Ephesians 6:21 But **that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do**, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, **shall make known to you all things:**

Colossians 4:7 **All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you**, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:

Paul (and, really every leader) needs an interpreter & defender → not a gossip, criticizer, or sower of discord!

Bernard Lewis stated the historian's function:

- 1. What happened**
- 2. How it happened (very hard to do)**
- 3. Why it happened (almost impossible to accomplish)**

Gossip &/ gossips always KNOWS #3

This is called "the fill in trick!"

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge (a) righteous judgment.

3. Tychicus – a messenger ~~for~~ Paul!

2 Timothy 4:12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

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Tychicus seems to function as a messenger:

- **Between Paul and churches**
- **Between Paul and individuals**
- **Maybe carried Paul's epistles**
- **Remotely possible, he actually wrote Paul's epistles**

As a logical deduction

Now omitted from most KJVs

Ephesian 6:24 as a footnote

"To the Ephesians

Written from Rome

By Tychicus"

Colossians 4:18

"Written from Rome

To Colossians

By Tychicus and Onesimus."

Regardless of the last point, Tychicus had found his **sweet spot!**

"There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

Ronald Reagan

EPIPHANIES OF GRACE TITUS 2:11-13 (14)

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation **hath appeared** (Ἐπεφάνη) to all men,

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious **appearing** (ἐπιφάνειαν) of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Verb: ἐπιφάνω 4x in Luke & Paul

Noun: ἐπιφάνεια 6x all in Paul

Luke 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Acts 27:20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days **appeared**, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

Titus 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man **appeared**,

1. The Grace of God **has appeared to all & for all men...PLUS!!!**

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation **hath appeared** (Ἐπεφάνη) to all men,

We all have a problem: DARKNESS!

➤ It's dark **out there** – very dark!

➤ And for the unsaved – it's dark **in here!**

Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is **as the shining light**, That **shineth more and more** unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:19 The way of the wicked is as **darkness**: They know not at what they stumble.

Matthew 4:16 The people which sat in darkness **saw great light**; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men **loved darkness** rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall **not** walk in darkness, **but** shall have **the light of life**.

John 12:46 I am come **a light into the world**, that whosoever believeth on me should **not** abide in darkness.

To & for every man → YES!

Plus: Every KIND of person → YES!

(Note the preceding groupings)

Arminians love to talk about every single person but...& overlook entire groups!

No person is off limits!

No group / grouping / kind is off limits!!!

2. The Grace of God **appears to & in all believers...us!**

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Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: They know not at what they stumble.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Titus 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared (ἐπεφάνη),

The grace of God

The Spirit of God → bring light, instruction, training...

The Son of God

Denying = to say no, to refuse, to deny, to renounce... I WILL NOT!!!

It all starts here!

Why would I continue to live in darkness???

The Pastor's dilemma:

A list:

- **You can say "I just disagree with Pastor Warren!"**
- **Legalism lite**
- **"Checking the box" Christianity**
- **"Comfort Christianity"**
- **Plus - nothing positive just negative**

No list:

- **You don't know...for a long time**
- **Anything goes**
- **Chaos**
- **As sinful as the unsaved**

Facts:

- **There is ungodliness**
- **There are worldly lusts / passion**
- **Immorality**
- **Porn**
- **Drinking & drunkenness**
- **Drugs**
- **Gambling**
- **10 commandment stuff!**

Living **soberly!**

Living **righteously!**

Living **godly!**

3. The Grace of God **shall appear at the blessed hope AND His glorious appearing!**

Titus 2:13 Looking (προσδεχόμενοι) for that blessed hope, **and (καὶ)** the glorious appearing (ἐπιφάνειαν) of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

One complex event (just like the 1st coming of Christ)

2 parts:

- **The Rapture for deliverance from wrath. NOT persecution / tribulation / trouble / etc....**
- **The Return to establish his kingdom on earth**

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, **and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

Philippians 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, **not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;**

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution.**

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath **not** appointed us to wrath, **but** to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 5:10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Revelation 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, **and from the wrath of the Lamb:**

Revelation 6:17 **For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**

Revelation 11:18 And the nations were angry, **and thy wrath is come**, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Revelation 14:10 **The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; **for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

Revelation 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials **full of the wrath of God**, who liveth for ever and ever.

Revelation 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials **of the wrath of God upon the earth.**

Now we are:

- **Working**
- **Serving**
- **Giving**
- **Investing**
- **Contributing**
- **Enjoying**
- **Living**

- **Waiting**
- **Looking**
- **With great anticipation!**

For 2 part of one event:

- **Raptured out of / away from God's wrath**

➤ **His glorious Appearing AND Kingdom!!!**