

**Let Your Love &
Appreciation be Known**

Romans 16:1-27

Introduction

Paul does six things in chapter 16:

(1) he commends to the Roman Christians a sister in the Lord, Phoebe (vv. 1–2);

(2) he urges the Roman Christians to greet various of their number (vv. 3–15) and one another (v. 16a);

(3) he sends greetings to the Roman Christians from others (vv. 16b, 21–23);

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(4) he warns the believers in Rome about false teachers (vv. 17–19);

(5) he assures the believers of final spiritual victory (v. 20a); and

(6) he prays that “the grace of our Lord Jesus” might be with them (v. 20b).

Outline

- **Paul's commendations and greetings (16:1-16)**
- **Paul's warning about people who cause problems (16:17-18)**
- **Paul's final commendation (16:19-20)**
- **Paul's closing words (16:21-27)**

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- **Paul's commendations and greetings (16:1-16)**

Romans 16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae,

- “servant” – deaconess
- “Cenchreai” – seaport 8 miles from Corinth.

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² that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

- “patron” – benefactor (*diakonos*) – anyone who “serves”

Scripture

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.

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⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. ⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.

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¹⁰ Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.

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¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.

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¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

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- ¹⁶ **“Greet one another with a holy kiss”**
 - Such requests are standard at the end of Paul’s letters (see 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26; see 1 Pet. 5:14).
 - The kiss was a common form of greeting in the ancient world generally and in Judaism especially.

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Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

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- **RECOGNIZE** people who cause problems (17a)

“note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.”

- **REFUSE TO ASSOCIATE** with people who cause problems (17b) –“avoid them”

Scripture

¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

- their own belly – a self-seeking spirit
- They can sound spiritual – but if it is not Scriptural it is not spiritual!

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¹⁹ For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

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²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen. ²² I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord. ²³ Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

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²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

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²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith--²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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Three elements for spiritual strength:

- the gospel “Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel”
- the preaching of Jesus Christ “and the preaching of Jesus Christ”
- A personal faith that obeys – “to bring about the obedience of faith”

Summary

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