

— Romans 16 —
Romans Series 93
Final Words

Rom 16 ¹ I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, ² that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. ⁵ Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. ⁶ Greet Mary, who labored much for us. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

⁸ Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. ¹⁰ Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

¹¹ Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. ¹² Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The churches of Christ greet you. ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 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. 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.

²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you. ²² I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord. ²³ Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. ²⁴ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith — ²⁷ to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

* **This apparent** hodgepodge is tied together by what theme? (20, 25)

* **This kingdom** power comes not simply thru knowledge of the gospel, but also through what? (17-20)

* **What kind** of person is Paul warning about?

Phil 1 ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: ¹⁶ The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; ¹⁷ but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

* **What is** “selfish ambition,” and how is it different from godly ambition?

Heb 12.2 Jesus ... for the joy ... set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Mat 20.28 [T]he Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

John 5 ⁴⁴ “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?” (NASV)

* **How do** we live that out?

Phil 2 ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself ... ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God ... ⁷ ... made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant ... ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name

Former President Reagan: “There is no limit to what a man can achieve if he does not care who gets the credit.”

* **Name two** historic bruising of Satan's head that occurred within a decade or so of Paul's letter:

- 1)

- 2)

* **How did** the church in Corinth provide a counter-example to what Paul wanted to see in Rome?

1Cor 1⁴ I thank my God ...⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge ...⁷ so that you come short in no gift ...^{3,3} [You are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?⁴ For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? ...^{8,1} ... Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

* **How do** all the personal greetings fit into this theme?

* **What are** some highlight from these greetings?

- 1) House gatherings

- 2) Mixed congregation with many slaves

- 3) Mentioning saints' histories & contributions

Eph 4¹¹ [Christ] Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

- 4) Phoebe (vs 1)

- 5) "Andronicus and Junia ... among the apostles" (7)

- 6) Those with Paul in Corinth, including Tertius (17-22)

- 7) The "churches of Christ greet you" (16)

* **Where do** the themes of Paul's closing doxology come from? (25-27)

Rom 1¹ Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,⁴ and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.⁵ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ