

Paul's Ministry & Closing Remarks– 15:14-16:27

ROMANS

Romans 16:1-27

Lesson 18

The Epilogue – Paul's Commendations,
Warning, Benediction

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The Just Shall Live By Faith

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Commendation of Phoebe - (16:1,2)



- ❖ **A servant of the church in Cenchrea -**
(*A helper to many and to Paul - Acts 9:36-39; 1 Tim 2:9,10; 5:9,10*)
- ❖ **To receive her -** (15:7; Phili 2:29; Philemon 1:12,17)
- ❖ **Assist her in whatever business she has need of you -** (Some suggest that she was the bearer of the epistle. It is also supposed that she was sent by Paul to prepare them for his visit and his work in Spain – 15:24)

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Personal Greetings (16:3-16)



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- ◆ **Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, - (16:3-5)**
 - ❖ Jewish couple Paul met in Corinth after they had been expelled from Rome AD 49 - (*Acts 18:1-6, 18-28*)
 - ❖ Fellow workers who had risked their lives for Paul – *Probably in Asia at Ephesus* - (16:4; *Acts 19:23-41*)
 - ❖ Gentile churches thankful – (4)
 - ❖ Greet “church” in their house – (5)

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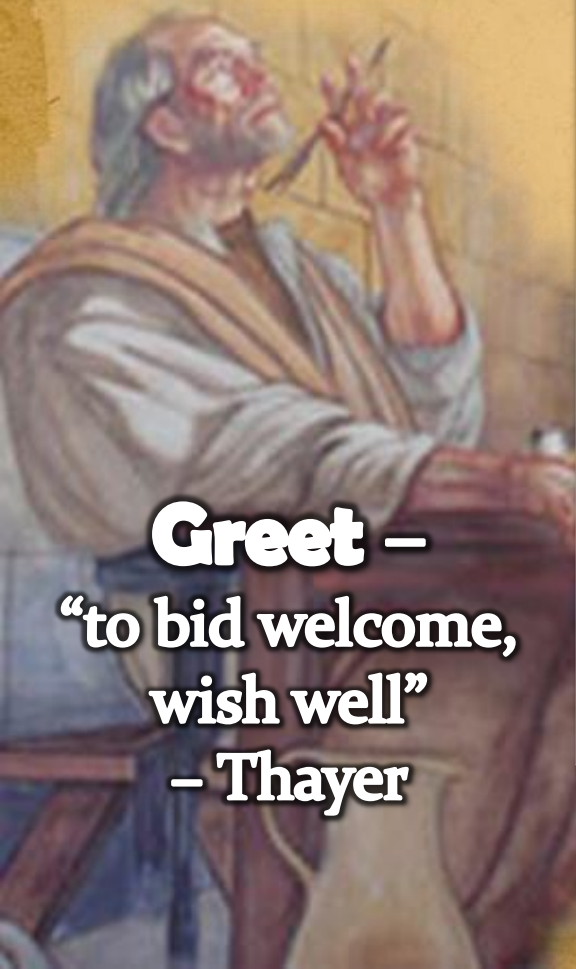


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- ◆ **(5) Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.**
- ◆ **(6) Greet Mary, who labored much for us.**
- ◆ **(7) Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.**
- ◆ **(8) Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.**

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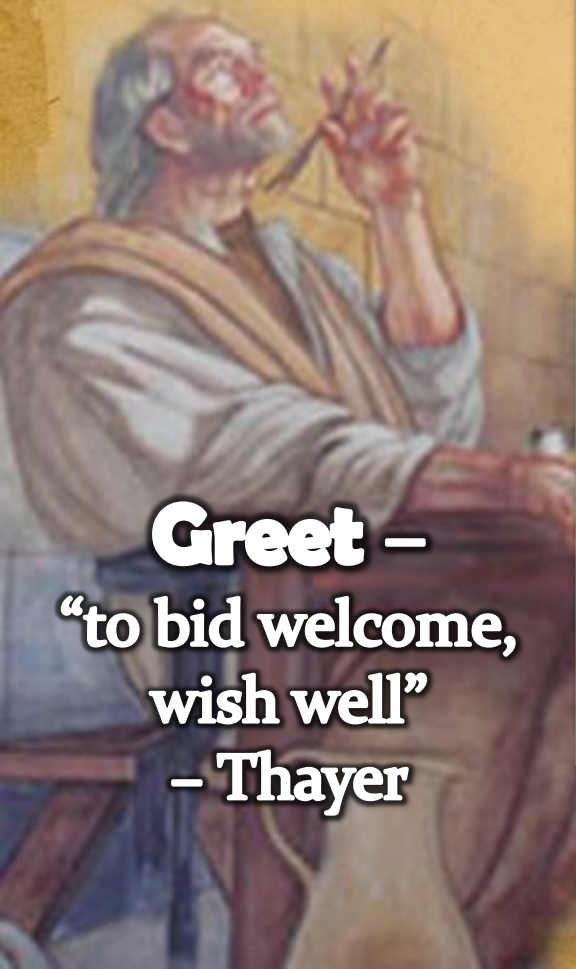


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- ◆ **(9) Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.**
- ◆ **(10) Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.**
- ◆ **(11) Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.**
- ◆ **(12) Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord.**

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- ◆ **(12) 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.**

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Personal Greetings (16:3-16)



Romans 16:16 (NKJV)
¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

- ◆ **Holy kiss** - “The mode of salutation similar to the handshake today” – [BKC] – (cf. Ac 20:37; 1Co 16:20; 2Co 13:12; 1Th 5:26; 1Pe 5:14)
- ◆ **The churches of Christ** – Christian assemblies throughout the regions of Paul’s labors - (cf. 1 Cor. 16:20; 1 Pet. 5:14)

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Final Word of Warning - (16:17-20)

Romans 16:17,18 (NKJV)

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.

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- ◆ **Note those** – To mark, identify – (*note that man* - 2 Thes 3:14)
- ◆ **Who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned,** - turning people away from following the Lord's teaching – (Acts 15:1-5,24; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Gal. 1:7-9; 2:4; Col. 2:8; 2 John 1:7-10)
- ◆ **And avoid them** – (1 Tim 6:3-5; 2 Tim 3:5,10; 2 John 9-11)

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- ◆ **They do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly,** - (Acts 20:28-35; Phil 2:21; 3:19; 2 Pet. 2:14,15; Jude 1:12)
- ◆ **And by smooth words and flattering speech** – (Is 30:10,11; Jer 8:10,11; Mat. 7:15; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Col. 2:4; 2 Tim 3:2-6; 2 Pet. 2:1-3; Jude 1:16)
- ◆ **Deceive the hearts of the simple** (*Akakos*) “*innocent and unsuspecting*” – does not denote one weak-minded or uneducated – but one trusting and gullible.

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Romans 16:19-20 (NKJV)

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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- ◆ **For your obedience has become known to all** – (1:5-8; 6:16-18; Heb 5:8,9)
- ◆ **I want you to be wise in what is good, -**
wise, i.e. understanding – (Eph 5:17;
Col. 1:9,10; 2Tim 3:15-17)
- ◆ **And simple concerning evil** – simple –
i.e. unmixed, free from evil – (Phili 2:15)
- ◆ **The promise of victory** – (20; Rom 8:37;
1 Cor. 15:58; Rev 20:1-3)

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Greetings of the Saints in Achaia (16:21-24)

Romans 16:21-24 (NKJV)

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.

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The Benediction (16:25-27)

Romans 16:25-27 (NKJV)

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 has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been 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.*

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