

Book Study #25

ROMANS


Rom. 16:1-27 – Personal Greetings

Before We Begin...check the original map...



1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. 2 I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me. 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. 4 They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. 5 Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. 6 Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. 8 Greet Ampliatus, whom I love in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. 10 Greet Apelles, tested and approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. 11 Greet Herodian, my relative. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. 12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brothers with them. 15 Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them. 16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. 17 I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. 18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. 19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. 21 Timothy, my fellow worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my relatives. 22 I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord. 23 Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. c Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings. 25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him -- 27 to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

a1 Or deaconess b3 Greek Prisca, a variant of Priscilla c23 Some manuscripts their greetings. 24 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. Amen

 **Let's get in gear...** Are you a letter-writer? How about e-mails? What is the most memorable letter/e-mail you ever received?

Exploration... Discovery... Revelation...

1. Paul closes this letter with greetings to specific people. What does this tell us about Paul and his ministry?



2. What does the fact that Paul ended his letter in this way tell us about Romans and the purpose for which it was written?

3. How would you characterize Paul's words of greeting?

What do they have in common?

4. What qualities does Paul commend?

5. What should be our response to those who cause division through false teaching?



6. How do these people typically operate?

**Write It
Down...**

1. Stone them
2. Convert them
3. Let 'em teach
3. Ignore them
4. Have a debate
5. _____

7. How does Paul seek to encourage his readers?

8. How does Paul end this passage? (vv. 25-27) Why is this significant?

What do you think? Some “food” for thought...

How have you changed or grown as a result of this study?



- *In your understanding of the Bible and the gospel*
- *In your relationships with other believers (including the members of your small group)*
- *In your commitment to evangelism and relationships with those outside the faith*
- *In your personal spiritual life and Christian walk*
- _____

As we complete this part of the Journey : a Journeymen’s prayer

“As I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping boldly into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life. I pray in the name of Jesus” -Amen

OUR NEXT STUDY! THE BOOK OF JOHN. Lessons are already posted on the website!

HAVE FUN... "DOODLE" TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT...

A large rounded rectangular box for doodling, with a row of 20 geometric and symbolic icons at the top. The icons include: two book shapes, a semi-circle, a 3D cube, a trapezoid, an upward arrow, a cross, a trapezoid, a triangle, a diamond, a dashed circle, a pentagon, a circle, a square, a vertical rectangle, a right-angled triangle, a D-shape, a banner, a cylinder, and a smiley face.

