



BIBLE STUDY

ROMANS 16

Romans 16: 1 – 2 Introduction to Phoebe

I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

² That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

Romans 16:3-7 Greetings to Roman Christians

- ³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
- ⁴ Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
- ⁵ Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.
- ⁶ Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.
- ⁷ Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

Romans 16: 8–12 Greetings to Roman Christians

- ⁸ Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.
- ⁹ Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.
- ¹⁰ Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household.
- ¹¹ Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.
- ¹² Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

Romans 16:13–16 Greetings to Roman Christians

- 13** Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.
- 14** Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.
- 15** Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.
- 16** Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Romans 16:17 – 20 Warnings Against Divisions

¹⁷ Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

¹⁸ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

¹⁹ For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

²⁰ And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Romans 16: 21 – 23 Greetings from Paul's Co-Workers

- ²¹ Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.
- ²² I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord.
- ²³ Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

Romans 16: 24 – 27 Final Prayers

²⁴ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

²⁵ Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

◦ ²⁷ To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Sister Phoebe Commended

- For she hath been a succourer (helper) of many, and of myself also.
 - Living Sacrificially according to God's Will - **Romans 12: 1 -2**
 - Not slothful in business, given to Hospitality - **Romans 12: 11 - 13**
- Servant of the Church at Cenchrea (a seaport of Corinth) who carried this letter to the Church in Rome.
- Receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints – **Romans 13: 7**
 - How are we to receive saints?
- That ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you:

Priscilla & Aquila

Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the gentile church in their house, who are they? -- Christian Couple We Ought to Know, why?

- **Acts 18: 1-3 – In Corinth**
- Paul met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth 600 miles from Rome after banishment
- Aquila a Jew from Pontus and Priscilla his wife
- Jews that accepted Christ as their Savior, and Justification by Faith – **Rom 1: 16 - 18**
 - They were not trusting on their lineage from Abraham, not easy for Jews
- Banished from Rome by Emperor Claudius (AD 41 – AD 53)
 - Prepared to suffer for the Gospel of Christ and Not ashamed of the Gospel
- Tentmakers and were probably Christians before they met Paul

In Ephesus – Acts 18: 18, 19 - 28

Paul leaves Corinth for Ephesus about 350 miles

- Aquila and Priscilla accompany Paul to Ephesus and remained there while Paul departs for Jerusalem – **Ready to answer the call**

Daring for the Gospel and Ready to Take Risks

Apollos comes to Ephesus **mighty in the scriptures**, but knew only and preaching the Baptism of John

Aquila and Priscilla took Apollos aside and explained to him fully the way of God.

Apollos did not think highly of himself – **Romans 12: 3**

They knew the truth that Apollos did not know, therefore took him aside and corrected him.

In Ephesus – Acts 18: 18, 19 - 28

They were courageous even though Apollos seem more eloquent (distinguishing eloquence from truth)

They did not embarrass him or try to show their superior knowledge **Romans 14: 13**

They were missionaries, they loved souls and corrected with love.

How would you correct error? (**Galatians 6: 1**)

- Standing for the Truth

In Ephesus – Greetings to Corinth

1 Corinthians 16: 19

Paul extends greetings from Aquila and Priscilla to the Church in Corinth

Showing concern for their brothers and sisters in Corinth

- Church was meeting in their home

Back In Rome – Romans 16: 3 - 5

Aquila and Priscilla moved back to Rome about 800 miles

Wherever they were they were commended for their faithfulness

They risked their necks for Paul. Christians often faced persecution for the Gospel.

When did they risk their necks two possibilities

In Corinth **Acts 18: 12** Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul and Paul was brought before the Judgment seat

In Ephesus **Acts 19: 23-32** Demetrius the silversmith and the loss of trade in idols to goddess Diana of the Ephesians

There was a Church in their homes

In Rome

There was a Church in their home

They loved the truth – Cannot allow error or let anyone propagate error

They loved the Lord – They prioritize serving the Gospel of Jesus Christ

They loved the people – serving others, hosting the church in their homes

- They were loved others -

2 Timothy 4: 19

Paul was imprisoned at Rome

- Paul writing to Timothy a young Pastor at Ephesus was told to greet Priscilla and Aquila who were still ministering in Ephesus

What can we learn about the marriage of Aquila and Priscilla?

What Can We Learn?

They took Christ with them everywhere they went

Hospitable – Their homes were open to Christians

- Let us emulate the spirit of Aquila and Priscilla

Acknowledgments of the Christians In Rome

- Priscilla & Aquila - the Church meets in their house
- Epenetus - first Christian in
- Mary - worked hard
- Andronicus and Junias -in prison with Paul, Christians before him
- Ampliatus - dear friend because of our relationship with the Lord
- Urbanus - work with us to serve Christ
- Apelles - God tested him and he proved faithful, loyal to Christ
- Aristobulus household - Christians

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- Herodion – Paul's relative
- Narcissus' Household
- Tryphena & Tryphosa- women worked hard for the Lord
- Persis – dear friend of Paul a woman worked hard for the Lord
- Rufus – a splendid Christian and his mother, also mother to Paul
- Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, & the Christians with them
- Philologus & Julia
- Nereus & His Sister
- Olympas & All God's People

Acknowledgments of Christians In Rome

Paul acknowledges Christian workers whom he had met on his many missionary journeys who are now in Rome. He cared for people.

Paul may have a reputation for writing weighty letters and authoritative in tone

2 Corinthians 10: 8 – 10;

⁸ For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

⁹ That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

- ¹⁰ For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.
- **1 Corinthians 1: 17** ¹⁷ For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Acknowledgments of Christians In Rome

Paul however, made sure he acknowledges fellow workers in the gospel. The Gospel is definitely not the business of one person.

Romans 13: 7 ⁷ Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

Paul cared about people and in this chapter extended greetings to 26 people

Romans 16: ¹⁶ Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Note the different ethnic backgrounds and genders of the people acknowledged by Paul.

What can you conclude about Christian fellowship?

Warning About Those Causing Divisions

Romans 16: ¹⁷ Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions** and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

¹⁸ For they that are **such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly**; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

2 Peter 2: But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

○ ³ **And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you:** whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Warning About Those Causing Divisions

Titus 1: 10-11 ¹⁰ For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

- ¹¹ Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

Titus 3: 10 - 11 ¹⁰ A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;

- ¹¹ Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.
- **Ephesians 5: 11** ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Warning About Those Causing Divisions

2 John ⁹ Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

- ¹¹ For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Warning About Those Causing Divisions

- 1 Corinthians 1: 10 -13** ¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you**; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- ¹¹ For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.
- ¹² Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.
- ¹³ Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

Jesus Desires Unity in the Church

John 17: ²⁰ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

²¹ **That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

○ ²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Jesus Desires Unity in the Church

Romans 15: ⁴ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

⁵ **Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:**

⁶ **That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

◦ ⁷ Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Jesus Desires Unity In The Church

1 Corinthians 1: ⁹ God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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2 Corinthians 13: ¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

¹² Greet one another with an holy kiss.

- ¹³ All the saints salute you

Acts 4: ³² And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

³³ And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

- ³⁴ Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

Unity In The Church

- What does unity in the Church look like?

Unity In The Church

- 1.Unity is a gift from God.**
- 2.Unity is maintained, not created by man.**
- 3.Unity grows over time.**
- 4.Unity is most opposed by pride and self-interest.**
- 5.Unity is a uniquely Christian adornment.**
- 6.Unity requires a doctrinal center – the gospel.**
- 7.Unity does not mean uniformity.**
- 8.Unity depends on grace and gifts.**
- 9.Unity grows when it is stretched, pressured, and even threatened.**
- 10.Unity glorifies God and attracts unbelievers.**

Commendation of the Roman Church

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²⁰**And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Romans 1: ⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

◦ ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, **that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;**

Victory for The Church

- **Psalms 110: 1** The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Joshua 10: 24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

- **25** And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

Greetings From Paul's Friends & Fellow Workers

- Timothy came from Lystra to join Paul on his missionary journeys (Acts 16: 1 - 3, Philippians 2: 19)
- Lucius, Jason and Sosipater were Jews like Paul
- Jason invited Paul to stay at his house in Thessalonika and the Jews attacked Jason's house and dragged him before the city rulers (Acts 17: 5 - 9)
- Tertius was the secretary of Paul
- Gaius lived next to the synagogue and Paul moved in with him and the Church continued to meet in Gaius's house (Acts 18: 7 - 8)
- Erastus was the Director of Public Works in Corinth his name was discovered on a pavement in 1929

Song of Praise Romans 16: 25 - 27

- God has the power to establish you and keep you in the faith
- The mystery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ kept secret since the world began is now revealed
- The Gospel is made manifest through the writings of the prophets to the Gentiles in order to lead their faithful obedience
- To God only be glory through Jesus Christ.



BIBLE STUDY SUMMARY OF ROMANS

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Summary of the Book of Romans

- Introduction -
 - Greetings to the Believers in Rome - Commendation
 - Paul's Concern for Believers in Rome and their faith was mentioned all over the world
 - Ready to preached the Gospel of Christ
 - I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ - Romans 1:
 - ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
 - ¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

All Are Guilty

- Romans 1:
 - ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
 - The heathen is guilty. They reject the Light given by God
 - Unconverted guilty even if moral
 - The Jews are guilty having advantage of the law they did not believe
- God is angry about our evil deeds.

The Importance of Faith

- The Importance of Faith (Chapter 3: 21 – 8: 39)
 - God saves people who trust him.
 - God's Remedy – Justification by Faith
 - We cannot save ourselves by our own good works.
 - When Jesus died, he died for us.

Entire Sanctification - Power Over Sin

- Entire Sanctification – Power Over Sin – Holy Spirit Ministers (Chapter 8: 1 – 14)
- ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
 - God's Spirit helps us to do what is right, even what to pray for (v26).
 - From Suffering to glory – Triumph over difficulties
 - All Things work for good to them that love God and are called (v28)
 - We are victorious and nothing can separate us from the love of God
 - God always loves us. God's Everlasting Love –

Illustration By Israel's History – Chapters 9 - 11

- Paul's burdens for Jews
- Promises obtained by faith not by blood line of Abraham (John 8: 33-47)
- God is Sovereign and shows mercy (Chapter 9: 16 – So then, It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth ...)
- God is just – Redemption depends on faith
- Israel rejected Christ (Chapter 10)
- Israel's hope some will come to understand and believe (Chapter 11)
- Way open for Gentiles
- Israel will be saved

Living According to God's Will Christian Responsibility

- God shows us how to live - Be a living sacrifice (12: v1 – 2)
- Many Gifts, but one body
 - Live holy towards the brethren – All members of the body of Christ
- No member more important than another
- Live Holy under the government
- Live holy in society

The Law of Liberty – The Weak and the Strong

- Don't Judge others Galatians 6: 1
 - Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
 - ² Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
 - ³ For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
- Don't Offend – The Law of Love
- Rom. 1: ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Live Holy By Strengthening Others

- Bearing Others Burdens – (Chapter 15)
 - We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
 - ² Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification.
 - ³ For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.
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Glorify God Together Chapter 15

- Glorify God together Jew and Gentile
- **7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received [d]us, to the glory of God.**
- **8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a [e]servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers,**
- **9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written:
“For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name.”**
- **Paul – I have fully preach the Gospel of Christ**
- **19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**