

# Romans – Chapter 16

## Summary of Chapter 15

- Christ is the hope of Jews and Gentiles, as the Scriptures predicted
- Paul's duty was to preach to the Gentiles.
- He had finished this work in Asia, Macedonia and Achaia.
- He was now planning to travel to Rome and then onto Spain
- Paul asked them to strive in prayer that he might have a safe journey to them

## *Chapter 16: Final Farewell*

Highlight: “**Greet**”

### Greet Phoebe (1-2)

<sup>1</sup>I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> 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.

### General Greetings (3-16)

<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. <sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. <sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. <sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus,

our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. <sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup> Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. <sup>12</sup> Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. <sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. <sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

## Watch out for Divisive People (17-18)

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<sup>17</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

**Based on the problems that this letter addresses, how might people cause divisions in the congregation?**

## Praise and Encouragement (19-20)

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<sup>19</sup> For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. <sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**The ‘crushing’ of Satan underfoot was first promised in Genesis 3. How is Satan crushed? (See Revelation 12:9-11)**

## Greetings from Paul's co-workers (21-23)

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<sup>21</sup> Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

<sup>22</sup> I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

## Final Blessing and Summary (25-27)

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<sup>25</sup> 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** <sup>26</sup> 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**— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be **glory** forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**In this final paragraph, Paul summarises the key themes in the letter and brings them all together.**

# **Romans Review**

**What do you think are some of the key words in the letter?**

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**What verses or phrases have stood out to you during this study?**

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**According to Romans, what would you say is the gospel (good news)?**

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**What do we learn from Romans about who God is? What are some characteristics that we see in the letter?**

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**Is there anything that you have learned in this study that you didn't know before?**

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