

## **THE WISH LIST** **I Corinthians 16:19-24**

**What are you wishing for this Christmas?**

**I. GREETINGS (19-20)**

- Community wishes

**A. THE GREET**

- The word indicates fondness and relationship

**B. THE GREETERS:**

1. Asian Churches
2. Aquilla and Prisca (Pricilla)
3. Other Christians: All the brethren

**C. THE GREETING: “A Holy Kiss”**

1. The Need
  - a. A command: This is an imperative
  - b. A contact: “Every kiss begins with contact”
2. The Named: One another
3. The Nature: A holy kiss

**D. THE GOAL**

- Paul wished for these believers to know the joy of community and companionship!

**II. WARNING (22)**

- Cautionary wishes

**A. THE CONDITION: If anyone does not love the Lord**

1. This refers to one who has no real affection for Christ
2. It could refer to an apathetic believer or an unbeliever who has rejected Christ’s love and resists His work
3. There were those in Corinth who were undermining God’s work and thereby not loving God

**B. THE CONDEMNATION: He is to be accursed (“anathema”)**

1. Ones who act in this manner are doomed > They are unredeemable (See John 3:18-20)
2. They are dedicated for destruction, marked for removal
3. Paul used this same type of designation on those who:
  - a. Deviated from the gospel - Gal.1:8-9
  - b. Disobeyed God’s Word - II Thess.3:14-15

C. THE CRY: “O Lord, come!” (“Maranatha”)

1. An invocation: Lord and deal with these people
2. An exclamation: Come Lord and deliver us out of situations like this!

D. THE CONCERN

- Paul wanted the carnal or cantankerous to know the dangers of apathy, so he warned them!

III. **ENCOURAGEMENT** (23-24)

- Comforting wishes

A. THE LORD’S GRACE (23)

- It is provided and personal

B. THE LEADER’S LOVE (24)

1. Paul’s Coarseness:
  - Much he had to address in this letter was difficult
2. Paul’s Commitment
  - a. He is assuring them of his love even though he has had to be hard on them
  - b. He was acting only in love for them in (and through) Christ Jesus

C. A LOVING CONCERN

- Paul wished for these people to be comforted!

**CONCLUSION:**

**WHAT ARE YOU WISHING FOR THIS CHRISTMAS?**

- Let us wish for the well-being of all who call on Christ as Savior!