

# **SAINTS SHOULD GREET**

## **Romans 16**

**Our salvation should impact our relationships**

### **I. SOME PARTICULAR GREETINGS** (1-16)

#### **A. A COMMENDATION RECORDED** (1-2)

1. Phoebe was commended because .....

  - a. She served the church
  - b. She helped many

2. The Romans are expected to receive and assist her

#### **B. A COUPLE RECOGNIZED** (3-5a)

1. Their Partnership (3) > See Acts 18:1-3
2. Their Courage (4) > Perhaps during the riots at Ephesus - See Acts 19:22, 29
3. Their Hospitality (5a)

#### **C. A CONGREGATION REMEMBERED** (5b-15)

- 24 are named ... and we learn much from these greetings

#### **D. A COMMUNION REQUIRED** (16)

1. Greeting one another is a command and not an option
2. None were to be neglected > Greet one another

### **II. SOME PRINCIPLES FROM THE GREETINGS** (1-16)

#### **A. PAUL'S FRIENDSHIPS WERE CHRISTIAN**

- Note: "In the Lord" or "In Christ" (2, 3, 7-13)

#### **B. PAUL REMEMBERED THOSE INVOLVED IN MINISTRY**

1. These who would have been otherwise unrecorded are noted for their activities
2. Paul observed good character qualities and notes them publicly

#### **C. PAUL HAD AN INTEREST IN OTHERS**

1. He remembers names, associations (6,7) families (7,13,15), and relationships (5,10).
2. Paul knew the particulars about these people
3. He knew that all of these were in Rome - He kept track of their whereabouts!
4. He had respect and a high regard for women and considered them fellow servants (3,7) and not maid servants.

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D. PAUL APPRECIATED THOSE WHO MINISTERED TO HIM IN PARTICULAR  
- Note vs. 2, 4, 13

E. PAUL HAD MANY PARTNERS (3, 9)  
- Fellow workers; no one man show.

### III. SOME PROHIBITED GREETINGS (17-20)

#### A. THE COMMAND (17-18)

1. Resist False Teachers (17)
  - a. Keep your eye on them: Watch, observe carefully, scrutinize, be skeptical
  - b. Turn away from them: Separate from - See II Thess. 3:6 and II John 10-11
2. Recognize False Teachers (17-18)
  - They snare and strive and are selfish and sneaky

#### B. THE CAUTION (19-20)

1. You're doing right
2. Stay that way!
3. Because judgment is soon coming!

### IV. SOME PARTNER GREETINGS (21-23)

#### A. THE GREETINGS

1. Coworker greetings: Timothy (21a)
2. Kinsmen greetings: Lucius, Jason, Sosipater (21b)
3. Secretary greetings: Tertius (22) - The amanuensis or stenographer
4. Host greetings: Gaius (23a) - Who also hosted the church in his home (cf. I Cor.1:14)
5. City treasurer greetings: Erastus (23b) - The treasurer or director of public works
6. Brother greetings: Quartus (23c)

#### B. THE GUIDELINES

1. Paul promotes his partners
2. Paul promotes camaraderie

### CONCLUSION:

**Paul was a great greeter are you?**  
**- *Our godliness should affect our greeting-ness***