

## Romans 16:1-27 **Post Script of Greetings, Warnings, and Blessings**

### Welcome and assist Phoebe

<sup>1</sup> I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, <sup>2</sup> that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

### Request for special recognition and greetings

<sup>3</sup> Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. <sup>5</sup> Likewise greet the church that is in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who labored much for us.

<sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

<sup>8</sup> Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

<sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, approved in Christ.

Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

<sup>11</sup> Greet Herodion, my countryman.

Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord.

Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

<sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them.

<sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus and 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.

The churches of Christ greet you.

### Warning of caution against false prophets

<sup>17</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

<sup>19</sup> For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. <sup>20</sup> And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

### Greetings from fellow workers

<sup>21</sup> Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you. <sup>22</sup> I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. <sup>24</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

### Praises for God through Jesus Christ, and thanksgiving for revelation of Scriptures

<sup>25</sup> Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began <sup>26</sup> but now has

been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith-- 27 to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

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Facts Revealed:

**Welcome and assist Phoebe** [Romans 16:1-2]

- ✚ It appears that Phoebe is on her way to Rome, and Paul is paving the way for her acceptance on her arrival.

**Request for special recognition and greetings** [Romans 16:3-16]

- ✚ Paul is introducing a series of his fellow workers in his greeting to Rome.
  - ✧ Along with the name of the individual, Paul has mentioned key points of their ministry, sacrifice and service.
  - ✧ Paul concludes the list with the words, "Greet one another with a holy kiss." "The Churches of Christ greet you."

**Warning of caution against false prophets** [Romans 16:17-20]

- ✚ Identify those who cause division and offenses with false doctrine, and avoid them.
  - ✧ They are self serving for their own benefit.
  - ✧ They use flattery to deceive the simple (unlearned).
- ✚ Paul knows the reputation of maturity regarding the Church at Rome.
  - ✧ However they still need to be vigilant to discern between good and evil.
  - ✧ God will destroy Satan soon.
  - ✧ Closing blessing, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

**Greetings from fellow workers** [Romans 16:21-24]

- ✚ Timothy, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater are all from Asia, Paul's home state.
- ✚ Gaius is Paul's host apparently in Corinth from which the letter to the Romans originated.
- ✚ Erastus was the city treasurer at Corinth.
- ✚ Tertius wrote the letter of Romans for Paul and sent his personal greeting to Rome.
- ✚ Quartus was with them and referred to as a brother.

**Praises for God through Jesus Christ, and thanksgiving for revelation of Scriptures** [Romans 16:25-27]

- ✚ God is able to establish the believer.
  - ✧ In establishing the believer, God uses the Gospel of Jesus Christ as preached by Paul.
  - ✧ In the Gospel message is revealed the mystery kept secret since the world began.
  - ✧ In the Gospel message, the prophetic scriptures are made clearly known to all nations.
  - ✧ The Gospel message is given in accordance to the command of the Everlasting God.
  - ✧ The purpose of the Gospel message is to bring all into obedience to the faith (the commandments of Jesus). [Matthew 28:20]
- ✚ God alone is wise.
- ✚ All glory goes to God through Jesus Christ forever.