

Paul's Concluding Words

(Romans 16:1-27)

Intro: In this concluding 16th chapter of Romans the Apostle Paul names 36 people. Eight of these people were ministering with Paul in Corinth, and the rest were in Rome. He identified 27 men and seven women by name. *Each of these individuals were faithful members of Christ's ministry team.* Warren Wiersbe suggest that this extensive list of names of so many friends in a city Paul had never visited shows that *"Paul was a friend-maker as well as a soul-winner."* Each of these individuals had either ministered with or helped Paul in the course of his extensive evangelistic ministry.

I. Personal Commendation Of Phoebe (vv. 1-2)

II. Personal Greetings To Friends In Rome (vv. 3-16)

vv. 3-5a—Greet Priscilla and Aquila

v. 5b—Greet my beloved friend Epaenetus

v. 6—Greet Mary who has worked hard for you

v. 7—Greet Andronicus and Junias

vv. 8-10a—Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.
Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and
Greet Stachys my beloved.
Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ.

v. 10b—Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

v. 11a—Greet Herodion, my kinsman.

v. 11b—Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

v. 12a—Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord.

v. 12b—Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.

v. 13—Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

vv. 14-15—Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

III. Warning To Avoid False Teachers (vv. 17-20)

IV. Personal Greeting's From Paul's Companions (vv. 21-23)

V. Paul's Concluding Benediction Of Praise (vv. 25-27)

A mystery you recall is a "Sacred Secret"—a spiritual truth never before revealed. It cannot be known apart from God revealing it to men. The sum of the mystery mentioned here concerns the formation of the church of Jesus Christ comprised of believing Jews and Gentiles (Eph. 3:3, 6). Paul explains in Colossians 1:26 "this mystery had been hidden from the past generations, but has now been manifested to His saints through Paul."

God has provided salvation for men of all nations, realized through the obedience of those who by faith believe in and receive Jesus Christ as Savior.

Closing Doxology (v. 27) Paul closes out this marvelous Epistle to the Romans in v. 27 with an adoring look upward in an attitude of worship and wonder.

v. 27 To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

God is worthy of all glory because of who He is and what He has done for us. Our access to Him is through faith in His beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.