

**Romans XVI/Session #16**  
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**This chapter has four distinct sections as Paul concludes his magnum opus to the church at Rome.**

**1. Paul's Commendation of \_\_\_\_\_ (READ vv.1-2).**

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ for her b/c she's a \_\_\_\_\_ to them and on her way there.

From Cenchrea (seaport city for Corinth) 7 miles away  
Paul spent \_\_\_ months in Corinth. Likely knows her well.  
Benefactor, providing travel assistance to Paul and others

Saved, Set apart, Servant of Christ! = Visit of sick, relief of poor  
Now she's traveling to Rome entrusted w/ Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ to the Romans!

Q: Ladies, could Paul commend you like this?

**2. Paul's Greetings to the Saints of Rome (vv.3-16)**

Q: Why does Paul do this?

He names \_\_\_\_\_ individuals (\_\_\_\_\_ are women), possibly two married couples (v.3 and v.7) 2 households (vv.10-11) and possibly 3 \_\_\_\_\_ groups (v.5, 14, 15)!

Interesting tidbits gleaned from Commentaries:

- Majority are \_\_\_\_\_ names
- Archeologists: many names of \_\_\_\_\_
- Tryphaena and Tryphosa (v.12) probably sisters of wealthy background; "\_\_\_\_\_" or "\_\_\_\_\_", yet "workers" in the Lord
- Rufus – v.13; Likely the son of \_\_\_\_\_ of Cyrene.
- v.7 "outstanding among the apostles"?

Resolution ...

Either "apostle" in looser sense OR "highly respected among the apostles"

Finally, he commands "Greet one another" v.16.

Q: Why is greeting one another important?

### **Five Lessons for us from Paul's Greetings:**

1. Greet one another by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Greet brothers and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!  
Paul, the accused misogynist, greets \_\_\_\_ different women.  
No place in body of Christ for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Greet Jews and Gentiles! No place for \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Greet rich, \_\_\_\_\_ and all in between. No place for \_\_\_\_\_ or elitism.
5. Greet using proper \_\_\_\_\_ customs.

### **3. Paul's Warning about False Teachers (READ vv.17-20)**

From warm and friendly to turning away from \_\_\_\_\_

Like Acts 20:29

- Some aren't brothers like \_\_\_\_\_ or sisters like Phoebe.
- Some don't serve the \_\_\_\_\_, but themselves.
- Some should NOT be helped on their way in ministry or missions.

Don't give them a hearing. NIV – "Keep away from them!"

Obedying this separates true churches from \_\_\_\_\_

Douglas Moo: "False teachers are divisive, self-centered, persuasive, teach what is contrary to the gospel and must therefore be avoided at all costs."

Q: How does soon crushing of Satan fit this paragraph?

### **4. Greetings from the Saints in Corinth (vv.21-24)**

### **5. Paul's Closing Doxology (vv.25-27)**

What mystery? "of the gospel" (Eph. 6:19, Col. 1:26-27; Col. 2:2)

MacArthur: "Through the gospel ... God will take a fallen, corrupted, vacillating, drifting, insecure, uncertain, chaotic mind and doomed soul and establish it forever in His truth by the power of His Spirit."