

Romans 16

I. Personal greetings (1-16).

A. Phoebe.

1. Probably carried the letter to Rome.
2. Cenchraea – eastern port of Corinth.
3. Deacon in the church.

B. Prisca and Aquila

1. Paul first met them in Corinth.
 - a. Tentmakers.
 - b. Claudius had expelled the Jews from Rome.
2. Went with Paul to Ephesus.
 - a. Stayed for a while.
 - b. Discipled Apollos.
 - c. Also mentioned in 1 Co. 16:19 and 2 Ti. 4:19.
 - d. Had returned to Rome after death of Claudius.
3. Had risked their lives for Paul.
4. Well known in the Christian world.
5. Had a church in their home.

C. Others in the community.

D. The holy kiss.

1. The kiss of love (1 Pe.5:14; cf. Lk.7:45 & Lk. 22:48).
2. Holy.

II. Warning (17-20).

A. Two types.

1. Those who cause division.
2. False teachers.

B. Who?

1. Serving themselves.
2. Judaizing zealots.

C. Smooth talk and flattery (like Satan – vs.20).

D. Had not yet arrived in Rome.

III. Greetings from those with Paul (21-21).

(vs. 24)

IV. Doxology (25-27).

- A. Power of God establishes the church.
- B. Wisdom of God.
- C. Eternal glory through Christ Jesus.