

## Romans

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### Lesson 23: Romans 16

At the end of chapter 15, Paul revealed his heart to the believers at Rome. However, Paul is not finished showing his tender and caring heart to this church as he ends his letter with personal greetings to the believers in Rome. While many Bible students often neglect chapter 16 of Romans, this chapter reveals many things about Paul and those in the church he is writing to. Paul's heart was for the church. He loved his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Although he was one of the greatest apostles to live, he cared for the common people who had become his companions and fellow ministers for Christ. Let's dive in and see how Paul showed his personal love and devotion to the believers in the church at Rome.

➤ **Read Romans 16:1–16**

1. In verse 1, how does Paul describe Phoebe?
2. In verse 2, how is the church to treat Phoebe? Why?

**Application:** How are we supposed to treat fellow believers who come to visit Faith Bible Church? What does this show them? What does this show the world?

3. In verses 3–5, who does Paul greet? What is his relationship to them? Read Acts 18:1–3. Why did they originally leave Rome?
4. In verse 7, Junias is most likely the wife of Andronicus. They are well-known by the apostles. How does Paul describe Andronicus and Junias in relation to himself?

5. In verses 10 and 11, Paul greets the believers “of the household of Aristobulus” and “of the household of Narcissus” but he does not greet either one of these men specifically because they were most likely not believers. What does this tell you about these households?
6. In verse 12, Paul names three women. How does Paul describe these women?
7. In verse 13, who is Rufus? (see Mark 15:21)
8. According to verse 16, how does Paul want the believers in the church to act toward one another?

**Application:** There are nine women mentioned in the first fifteen verses. Although women are not permitted to be leaders in the church, what does Paul’s greetings show about the role of women in the church? Women, how does this encourage you?

**Application:** Read through the first fifteen verses and write down the commendations that Paul praises people for. How do these examples encourage you to serve the church?

➤ **Read Romans 16:17–20**

9. In verse 17, what is Paul’s warning to believers in Rome? How are believers to deal with dissenters in the church?

10. In verse 18, how does Paul describe the dissenters?

11. According to verse 19, what kind of discernment are believers to have?

**Application:** What are some ways Christians justify dabbling in evil? How can you become “innocent in what is evil”?

12. What promise does Paul give in verse 20?

➤ **Read Romans 16:21–24**

13. In verse 21, what is the relationship of Lucius and Jason and Sosipater to Paul?

14. In verse 22, what was the job of Tertius?

➤ **Read Romans 16:25–27**

15. According to verse 25, how does God establish Christians?

16. According to verse 26, what has happened to the gospel?

**Application:** A modern-day Christian says, “Why should I get involved in ministry? It’s messy, a lot of work, and I might get hurt. Besides isn’t that what we pay the pastor for?” How do you think the believers listed in Romans 16 would respond to that modern-day Christian?

**Application:** What one verse impacted you the most in this study? Explain.