

Romans 16 Pastor Ed Kemp

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, August 24 Sunday, August 27

Introduction

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. 2I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me. ³Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. 4They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. 5Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. ⁸Greet Ampliatus, whom I love in the Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. 10 Greet Apelles, tested and approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. "Greet Herodion. my relative. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. ¹²Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who has worked very hard in the Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. 14Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brothers with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. 17 urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contraty to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. 18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. 19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

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²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.	notes
²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my relatives.	
²² I,Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.	
²³ Gaisus, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.	
²⁵ Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.	
Names are people and people matter.	
Don't call it a list.	
Rejoice in relationships.	
Ministry means service.	
"My name is,	
and if you ever need"	
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GROUP DISCUSSION

Everybody Qualifies, Romans 16 August 24 & 27

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Who were the people you look back fondly on that were influential in attracting you to church or were great examples of warmth and godliness that kept you in Church?

Read aloud: Romans 15:22-33 but realize the questions below are for Rms. 16

OBSERVATION: What does it say?

Read the description of why Paul loves these people that is listed right after each name in Romans 16:1-20. What are the qualities of conduct and demeanor that are never to be found in a church in vs. 17-20?

INTERPRETATION: What does it mean?

If paper is so expensive, and transporting this material so laborious, why did Paul use so much space repeating the word "Greet," and why didn't he just list everyone's name one after another, and why list names when he could have said, "Greet the Church?" Did listing these names cause these people to feel highly significant? In what way? What are the actions/jobs/roles that these people played in Paul's life?

In Vs. 17-18 Paul describes false teachers and leaders. What are their characteristics? How can dissensions (vs.17) ultimately become an appetite (vs. 18?) Ever have someone speak to you in a smooth and flattering way in order to sell you something or convince of something you knew was wrong?

In Vs. 19-20 Paul describes the Roman churches obedience to the truth of God's Word, what is Paul's great goal for them? Wisdom implies great insight and knowledge, how can you be wise in what is good?

APPLICATION: So what? Who's on my list and why?

Family Time: Sit down with your children and have each one make a list of who is the most important to them and why. Put their list in a prominent place and have them add more description of why that person is important to them.