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**1 Corinthians 16:15-24: Love the Lord**

*Be on your guard;  
stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous;  
be strong.  
Do everything in love.  
(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)*

That guy Stephanus...

He has been a Christian longer than most of all y'all.  
He has devoted himself to serving and blessing other believers.  
He recently came and refreshed us (here in Ephesus).

*...I urge you brothers and sisters, to submit to such people...  
(1 Corinthians 16:15-16)*

*The greatest among you will be your servant. (Matthew 23:11)*

Are you a Giver or Taker?

Read Verses 19-20

Describe Priscilla and Aquila.

Verses 21-24

Amanuenses: Secretary, Scribe for taking dictation

*If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed!  
(1 Corinthians 16:22)*

Anathema: Cursed: devoted to destruction.

## No love for the Lord

*Divisions in the Church, Lifting themselves up as wise, The sexually immoral man who is still coming to church, church members suing each other, misusing sex, those eating meat sacrificed to idols and causing their brother to sin, those not willing to give up their rights, those not sharing in the Lord's Supper, those desiring gifts for their own glory instead of building other's up, those not willing to follow God's order in worship, those claiming there is no resurrection...*

*Come, Lord! (1 Corinthians 16:22)*

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Maranatha

(Our Lord comes, or Our Lord is coming, The Lord will come)

What does love for Christ look like?

1. A desire to never dishonor Jesus, to never neglect Him nor despise those who bear His image.
2. A desire to live for Christ and delight in Him - to please Him and bless His sons and daughters.

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen. (1 Corinthians 16:23-24)*

## HOME GROUP Questions for 1 Corinthians 16:15-24...

1. In the context of this letter and all we have learned from it, what are some specific ways we can follow Paul's charge to "be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong?"
2. How is the love Paul has for the Corinthians evident both in the opening and the closing sections of his letter to them? How have you experienced this same kind of love and encouragement in the church? What do verses 19-24 show us about the attitude we should have towards other believers?
3. How do you think Paul's warning in verse 22 applies to the church today? What lack of love do you think he is referring to? Where do you feel personally that you are flippant in regards to loving the Lord?