

Final THOUGHTS ~ Romans 16:1-27

→ Scripture Reading - Rom. 16:17-20

Greetings from Afar ~ Romans 16:1-16

¹ I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. ² I 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. ³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers **IN Christ Jesus**. ⁴ They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. ⁵ Greet 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.

⁶ Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. ⁷ Greet 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. ⁸ Greet Ampliatius, whom I love **IN the Lord**. ⁹ Greet 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.

¹¹ Greet Herodion, my relative. Greet those in the Household of Narcissus who are **IN the Lord**.

¹² Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who **work hard IN the Lord**. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard **IN the Lord**. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen **IN the Lord**, and his mother, who has been a **mother to me, too**. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brothers with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Eph. 1:4 (NIV) For He chose us IN HIM before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

IMPLICATIONS

OBSERVATIONS

- Couples served in Ministry together
- Paul valued Women as co-workers in Ministry
- Church in Rome met in multiple Homes
- United because they were ALL IN Christ

Galatians 3:28 (NIV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are ALL one IN Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) ...if anyone is IN Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Galatians 2:16 (NIV) ...a man is not JUSTIFIED by observing the law, but by faith IN Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be JUSTIFIED by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives IN me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 8:1 (NIV) Therefore, there is now NO condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus...

IMPLICATIONS

¹⁰ Greet Apelles, TESTED and APPROVED **IN Christ**.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to TEST and APPROVE what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Timothy 2:15-16 (NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as ONE APPROVED, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

God will CRUSH Satan ~ Romans 16:17-20

¹⁷ I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary 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. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Romans 5:1 (NIV) ...since we have been JUSTIFIED through FAITH, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

IMPLICATIONS

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. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The GRACE of our Lord Jesus be with you

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV) But now, this is what the LORD says - He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:

>Fear not, for I have Redeemed you;

>I have Summoned you by name; you are MINE.

>WHEN you pass through the Waters, I will be with you;

>and WHEN you pass through the Rivers, they will not sweep over you.

>WHEN you walk through the Fire, you will not be burned; the Flames will not set you ablaze.

³ **For I AM the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...**

To God be the GLORY ~ Romans 16:21-27

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 Gaius, 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.

Galatians 1:11-12 (JBP) The Gospel I preach to you is no human invention. ¹² No man gave it to me, no man taught it to me; **it came to me as a direct revelation from Jesus Christ.**

TAKE AWAY ??

²⁵ **Now to Him ...** ²⁷ **to the ONLY wise God** be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Isaiah 45:5-6 (NIV) I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

In His wisdom He has made it possible for those who were once bound to earth by their own sinful depravity to be loosed from their sins and to know the throne of God as eternal home. He has made it possible for men who were made lower than the angels to rise higher than the angels. He has made it possible for us to become His own sons and daughters. PTW

Soli Deo Gloria!