

Romans 16 King James Version (KJV)

(Paul is saluting all of the people that help him in his ministry. Christianity is a family of like minded people who believe in God; recognize Jesus as God with us; and believe in the salvation that Jesus gave us through repentance and forgiveness)

16 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: (Phebe = bright or pure) (She was the one who carried this letter to the Christians in Rome)

²That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. (saints – the set aside ones; the Elect) (succourer = to secure legally, to stand before; this is one who was leading a church. She was also the teacher in that church)

³Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: (They were also church leaders and teachers. They were a married couple)

⁴Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. (Christians were constantly at risk of losing their lives. These were brave people who risked their lives while working for God)

⁵Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. (Another church leader and one of the Elect – the set aside ones)

⁶Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

⁷Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. (These Christians were related to Paul)

(my fellow-prisoners – they were in prison for teaching God's Word; not for having committed any crimes)

⁸Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

⁹ Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. (Two Roman names)

¹⁰ Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household. (Greek names)

¹¹ Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

¹² Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord. (A Persian name)

¹³ Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. (A Roman name)

¹⁴ Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.

¹⁵ Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.

¹⁶ Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. (The Christian Church was spreading all over Asia Minor and Europe through the great works of Paul)

¹⁷ Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. (Mark = scopio <Greek>, to scope out and mark well)

(These are the ones who change God's Word. They preach from their own imaginations. There is only one doctrine of Jesus Christ. There are no denominations. Stay away from these false preachers)

(There is only one church of Christianity. It teaches God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, unchanged, complete, and properly translated – both the Old and New Testaments. The prophets gave us the Old Testament. Jesus and the apostles gave us the New Testament)

Examples: (Celebrate Easter instead of Passover; the false "Rapture" fly away theory instead of standing against antichrist; Christians and Muslims worship the same God <Yahoveh is not Allah>; women

cannot teach God's Word; Lilith a made up woman to support a false doctrine; etc)

¹⁸For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (Anyone who changes God's Word is a false teacher. These people mislead souls to a spiritual death. God hates them) see Jeremiah-23, Matthew-7:15-20, 1Timothy-6:3-5 (and many more verses)

¹⁹For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

²⁰And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. (Yahoveh is the God of peace. Satan can't win against Our Father. Satan is a fool for even trying. In the end, he will get exactly what he deserves - death) See Genesis-3:15

²¹Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. (More teachers of God's Word) (Timotheus – Timothy, Lucius – Luke; both worked with Paul in his ministry)

²²I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord. (Paul's sight never fully recovered. He needed a scribe to write down his words)

²³Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

²⁴The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (If the grace of Jesus Christ is with you, who can stand against you? No one can prevail against Almighty God)

²⁵Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

(The mystery is the three earth Ages. It is about what happened in the First Age <the rebellion and fall of Satan>. It also includes why we are here, in the flesh, in the Second Age. We are here as a test – to make

a choice to follow God's Word; for to follow the ways of the world <and of Satan>. The choice is ours. We make our own destiny by that choice) see Matthew-13:35-43 (The parable of the Tares)

²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: (God tells us exactly what will happen at the end of this Age, and why. It's up to us to read it, so that we are not deceived when Satan arrives as antichrist)

²⁷ To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

NOTE: (Many of these names are women. God chooses who He will to teach His Word. Don't let regressive preachers tell you that women can't be pastors. These chauvinists are as ignorant as the traditions of men that they teach. That included the Catholics, the Mormons, the Jehova's Witnesses and any other narrow minded denominations)