

Lesson 36 – Romans 16:17-27

This segment is the final word from God through Paul to the Romans in this letter. Paul has expended significant time and paper space sending greetings to specific saints in Rome, as well as a substantial commendation of Phoebe. Now he gives one final instruction, a brief greeting from those who were with him, and closes with a redirect to our glorious God.

A final word of instruction – 17-20

Absolutely avoid or refuse two groups:

1. Those who cause divisions
2. Those who cause problems teaching opposite of truth
- * What is the reason for this command? There are two:
 1. These do not serve our Lord Christ
 2. These serve themselves, or “their own appetites.”
- * How do they do these things? “by smooth talk and flattery they deceive...”

I want you to be wise about two things:

1. “As to what is good”
2. “As to what is evil”

Two blessings from God:

1. He will “soon crush Satan under your feet”
2. His grace “be with you”

Greetings from Paul’s band – 21-23

1. Timothy – the future pastor of Ephesus (probably within a few years)
2. Lucius and Jason and Sosipater “my kinsmen” (probably in Christ, not in the flesh)
3. Tertius – the scribe who penned the letter
4. Gaius – Paul’s host in Corinth. The church met in his house as well.
5. Erastus – the Corinth city treasurer (obviously a believer)
6. Quartus – a brother in the church of Corinth

A closing of worship – 24-27

Verse 24 is missing. Why? (Textual variant)

18 very diverse manuscripts don’t have it.

18 diverse manuscripts have it with minor changes between them.

18 diverse manuscripts include it after verse 27

A blessing to...

1. “Him who is able to strengthen you”
How are you strengthened?
 1. In correspondence to Paul’s gospel preaching and the preaching specifically of Jesus Christ.
 2. In correspondence to the revelation of the mystery...
2. “the only wise God”
What is that blessing?
 - * Everlasting glory through Jesus Christ (presumably from us, His people)