

Personal Greetings
Lesson #26
Romans 16

Commendation and Greetings – Romans 16:1-24

1. When people traveled in the ancient world, it was customary to send along a letter of commendation. In this final chapter who did Paul commend to the Romans? (Romans 16:1)
2. What did he ask the Roman believers to do? (Romans 16:2a)
3. What additional information did he give? (Romans 16:2b)
4. Paul also sent personal greetings to his friends that were now living in Rome. What did he mention about the wife and husband team of Priscilla and Aquila? (Romans 16:3-5a)
5. What did Paul say about each of the following individuals?

Romans 16:5b	Epenetus	
Romans 16:6	Mary	
Romans 16:7	Andronicus & Junias	
Romans 16:8	Ampliatius	
Romans 16:9a	Urbanus	
Romans 16:9b	Stachys	
Romans 16:10a	Apelles	
Romans 16:10b	Aristobulus	

Romans 16:11a	Herodion	
Romans 16:11b	Narcissus	
Romans 16:12a	Tryphena & Tryphosa	
Romans 16:12b	Persis	
Romans 16:13	Rufus & his mother	

6. In verses 14 and 15, Paul sent greetings to eight men and two women whom he mentioned by name, along with a general greeting to all the brothers with them. How did Paul say they were to greet one another? (Romans 16:16a)
7. What general greeting did Paul add for the church in Rome? (Romans 16:16b)
8. Before he concluded this letter, Paul had a few more comments to add. What did he urge these brothers to watch out for? (Romans 16:17)
9. What was Paul's assessment of such people? (Romans 16:18)
10. Why did Paul say he was "*full of joy over you?*" (Romans 16:19a)
11. What additional words of encouragement did he give? (Romans 16:19b)
12. How did Paul begin this letter to the Romans? (Romans 1:7b)

13. What did he say as he concluded this letter? (Romans 16:20)
14. Who was with Paul that also sent their greetings? (Romans 16:21)
15. Who identified himself as Paul's amanuensis, or secretary, writing this letter? (Romans 16:22)
16. Paul said that Gaius also sent his greetings. What did Paul mention about Gaius? (Romans 16:23a)
17. What did he say about Erastus? (Romans 16:23b)

Paul's Closing Benediction - Romans 16:25-27

18. Paul began his benediction with "*Now to Him who is able to establish you.*" How is one established by God? (Romans 16:25)
19. To past generations, God's plan was a mystery, but has now been revealed. However, this was not a new plan. How had God, by his command, made this known from ages past? (Romans 16:26a)
20. Why did the eternal God do this? (Romans 16:26b)
21. How did Paul refer to God as he reflected on His plan? (Romans 16:27a)

22. Paul closed with the ultimate purpose for the believer's life. Whether the believer lived in AD 57 at Rome or your home town today, all believers throughout history have the same purpose. What is that purpose? (Romans 16:27b)

Paul's final word was "*Amen*" which means "may it be so!"

Paul had written to the Roman believers of his travel plans. First he would go to Jerusalem bringing with him some Gentile believers and the church's collection for the poor. Then, he planned to begin a new journey that would take the gospel to Spain. He said that he had longed to see them and it was his plan to spend time with them, enjoying their company on his way to Spain.

The story of Paul's journeys will continue next session with a very difficult visit to Jerusalem. Paul will make a trip to Rome, but certainly not in the manner in which he had anticipated!