

STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 33 - Personal Greetings - [Romans 16:1-27](#)

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Personal Greetings

16 And now, I can't speak too highly to you of Phoebe, our sister who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea.

² Please extend to her, when she comes your way, a warm Christian welcome, in a manner worthy of those who truly love the Lord. Assist her in whatever ways she may need your help, because she has been such a help to so many, including me.

³ Greetings to Priscilla and Aquilla, my fellow workers in the service of Christ Jesus.

⁴ They risked their own lives to save mine. I'm not alone in giving them thanks; all the Gentile churches join me in doing so.

⁵ Also my greetings to the church that meets in their home. And greetings to my very dear friend Epaenetus. He was the first convert to Christ in southern Greece.

⁶ Greetings to Mary, who worked so hard for us.

⁷ And greetings to Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me. They are highly regarded by the apostles, and became Christians before I did.

⁸ My best regards to Amplias, whom I love so deeply in the Lord.

⁹ My greetings to Urbanus, our fellow worker in the service of Christ, and to my dear friend Stachys.

¹⁰ Greetings to Apelles, who has proved himself faithful to Christ. And greetings to all who belong to the household of Aristobulus.

¹¹ Greetings to my relative, Herodion, and to all who are followers of Christ in the household of Narcissus.

¹² Greetings to Tryphena and Tryphosa, who are working so very hard in serving the Lord. And greetings to much loved Persis, who has also worked so diligently in the Lord's service.

¹³ Greetings to Rufus, one of the Lord's choice people, and to his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

¹⁴ Extend my greetings to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and all the brothers and sisters who are with them.

15Greetings to Philologus and Julia, to Nereus and his sister, to Olympas, and to all of God's people who are with them.

16Greet one another with sincere Christian affection and love. All the churches of Christ here send you their greetings.

17Now, my brothers and sisters, I urge you to be on the lookout for those who cause divisions and cause believers to stumble by means of teachings contrary to what you have been taught. Have nothing to do with them.

18Such people are not serving our Lord Jesus Christ, but only the cravings of their own appetites. By smooth arguments and flattery they continually deceive the minds of unsuspecting people.

19Everyone has heard about your obedience to Christ. I'm very happy about that. But I want you to be very wise in your understanding about what is good, and inexperienced in things that are evil.

20The One who is the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

21Timothy, my fellow worker, sends you his greetings, and so do my relatives, Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater.

22And I, Tertius, the one writing this letter for Paul, greet you in the Lord.

23Gaius, my host, who has opened his home to the whole congregation, sends you his greetings. And Erastus, the city treasurer, and Quartus, a brother in Christ, send you their greetings.

24Again, may God's richest blessings through our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. So be it.

25And now, according to the Great News which I preach, God is able to establish and confirm you in the faith by means of the preaching of these truths about Jesus Christ. These are truths that have just recently been revealed, having been concealed since the world was created.

26But now they have been revealed, and we discover them even in the prophetic Scriptures! Now the eternal God has commanded that these truths be revealed to people in every nation, in order to bring them to obedience to Him through faith *in Jesus Christ*.

27So now to God, who alone is wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Paul

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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379. What did Paul ask the Roman church to do for Phoebe? ([16:1-2](#))
380. Why did Paul praise Priscilla and Aquila? ([16:3-4](#))
381. What risks did Priscilla and Aquila take? ([16:3-4](#))
382. What special distinction did Epenetus hold? ([16:5](#))
383. For what did Paul commend Mary? ([16:6](#))
384. What experiences did Andronicus and Junias share with Paul? ([16:7](#))
385. What qualities did Paul recognize in Apelles? ([16:10](#))
386. Why did Paul praise Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis? ([16:12](#))
387. What greeting did Paul suggest the church share? ([16:16](#))
388. What kinds of divisions should the church not allow? ([16:17](#))
389. How should the church deal with a person who causes divisions? ([16:17](#))
390. What should we do about people who cause division among Christians? ([16:17-18](#))
391. What encouragement did Paul give the people in their struggle with evil in the world? ([16:19-20](#))
392. Who actually wrote down this letter for Paul? ([16:22](#))
393. With whom had Paul been living? ([16:23](#))
394. What did Paul say about God? ([16:25-27](#))
395. What did Paul say about the gospel? ([16:25-27](#))

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