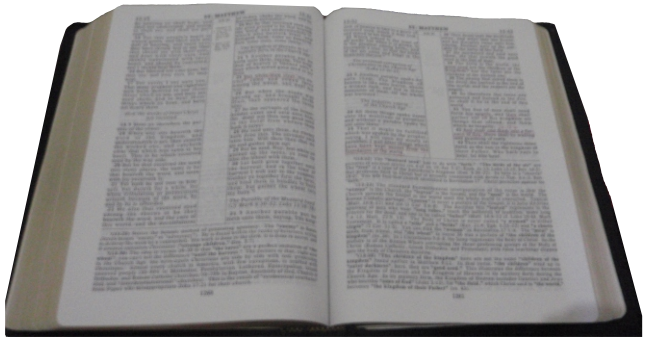
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The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Romans 16- Concluding Remarks to the Church at Rome

This chapter gives us Paul's parting words to the Roman Christians.

It includes greetings and salutations to some 28 individuals by name, some warnings and admonitions, and then some final instructions.

16:1- The commendation of Phebe, as servant not a deaconness.

- Here is one of the best examples in the whole Bible where you can show the trouble you get into if you study your Bible by doing nothing but Greek word studies.

- Most new bibles change the "servant" to "deaconness" because the Greek word used here is diakanon.

- No where in the Bible are women ordained for church service.- nuns

- Rom. 15:8- the same Greek word diakanon is translated "minister"

- The reference here is to Jesus Christ and he certainly was not a deacon.

- He was a Apostle and High Priest

- Heb. 3:1

- The Greek word diakonos is used in reference to the Apostle Paul and is translated "minister"

- Eph. 3:7

- 1Tim. 3:8- The Greek word is translated "deacon"

- The Body of Christ did not start with Paul, just because it was revealed to Paul.

- Rom. 16:7

16:25- My gospel

- There are 4 gospels in the Bible.

1- The Gospel

- 1Cor. 15:1-4

2- My Gospel

- This gospel includes the Gospel and the Adoption and the mystery of the one body, **Eph. 1**

3- The Everlasting Gospel

- Rev. 14:6-7- Fear god, and give glory to him.

- This gospel will be preached by an angel during the Tribulation

4- The Gospel of the Kingdom

- Mt. 4:23
- Mt. 10:7-8

16:26b- Notice the Gospel is to be obeyed

- Rom. 10:16

- 2Th. 1:8- Tribulation

- 1Pet. 4:17- Tribulation

(Be careful to understand what dispensation is being addressed For the Church Age it is obedience of faith)

16:27- Give the wise God all glory through Jesus Christ

16:21-24- More salutations and greetings to Christians in Rome

16:22- Paul did not write this epistle

- Paul dictated it and Tertius wrote it down.

- 2Pet. 1:21

- Jer. 36:1-6

- The inspiration process is when a man writes down the words God has given by inspiration.

- Inspiration is God speaking (or breathing) His words through a man's mouth.

16:25-26- The mystery of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

- The "revelation of the mystery" is mentioned in

- Gal. 1:11-12, 2:2

- The mystery which was revealed to Paul is the NT Church as one body.

- It is composed of both Jews and Gentiles

- Eph. 2:11-18

- Gal. 3:26-28

- The Law ended as a system of salvation and the one body started at the cross of Calvary

- Eph. 3:1-11

- Eph. 6:19

- Col. 4:3

- Not going only by the KJV is how you get ordained women in the church- deaconesses.

- All ordained offices in the church (elders, apostles, bishops, or pastors, and deacons) are exclusively for men.

16:2- Phebe was to be received as a servant of the Lord.

- Phebe is recognized here as having been a great helper (succourer) of Paul and many other people.

- Definition of succour (1st mention)

- 2Sam. 8:3, 5- Aid, protect, help

- Paul requested that Phebe be assisted in whatever business she was in need of.

- Women can have a great ministry through the local church, they just cannot be ordained.

- The NT rules for women.

- 1Cor. 14:34-35

- 1Tim. 2:9-12

- Tit. 2:3-5

16:3-4- First greeting- Priscilla and Aquila

- These two were Paul's dear helpers in the ministry.

- They were willing to risk their lives to save Paul.

- Every preacher and minister of the gospel needs church members who are willing to lay their heads down on the chopping block for him and get them chopped off.

- Are you supporting your pastor in like manor?

- Are you loyal to him like you should be?

- Do you stick up for him and defend him as you ought.

- Pray for him and provide physically for him?

16:5- Definition of a local church

- The local church is a group of believers, not the building
  These believers were meeting in a house.

16:5- Epaenetus- This is the first man Paul led to Christ in Achaia

16:6-15- Paul's greetings to more of the Christians he knows at Rome.

- Mostly they were Gentiles but a few were Jews (kinsman)

- For all believers that are in Christ that there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek.

- Rom. 10:12

16:16- 2 Things here

1- Holy kiss- greet each other warmly

2- Supposed proof text for the Church of Christ denomination

- The way we greet one another and our visitors is of utmost importance, including how children act toward visitors.

16:16- Churches of Christ- plural not singular

- This is a reference to a group of local churches

- Gen. 3:15a- is a future event which will be fulfilled at the 2nd Advent.

- Somehow Satan is going to be placed under your feet probably this is a reference to Satan being cast into the bottomless pit during the Millennial Reign of Christ on earth.

- **Ps. 68-** The overall context is the 2nd Advent

- Ps. 68:7-9, 12,14,17,23

- Ps. 68:18-21- Gives us the doctrine of Jesus Christ bruising the head of Satan.

- Ps. 68:18- Jesus has been resurrected and ascended up to heaven after having led captivity captive.

- Eph. 4:8

- Ps. 68:21- God shall wound the head of his enemies

- It can only refer to Jesus Christ bruising Satan's head at the 2nd Advent.

- Ps. 110:5-7- 2nd Advent

- Hab. 3:13- 2nd Advent

- References in the Bible where the enemies of God die by heads wounds are pictures of the death of the Antichrist.

- Judges 9:53-54- Abimelech- millstone

- Jud. 4:21- Sisera- nail though his temples

- 1Sam. 17:49-51- Goliath- stone in the forehead

16:19- Believers are to desire to be wise about doing good and simple concerning evil.

- Many Christians today in the last days are experts concerning evil.

- A believer's obedience or hypocrisy will be made widely known

- While we are still in the flesh, the old man is still around and doing evil is our default when we do nothing and just go through life.

- Rom. 7:18-19

- To be wise about doing good, it requires Bible study, prayer, and discipline.

- 2Tim. 2:15

- As believers, we need only consider one thing:

- Is it right according to God and His Book?

16:20- Gen. 3:14-15

16:20- Shortly

- Very shortly in the future Jesus Christ will bruise the head of the serpent.

- This was not fulfilled at Calvary.

- Calvary the crucifixion was when the serpent- Satan- bruised the heel of the woman's seed- Jesus Christ- which was the will of God

- Isa. 53:10

- There is another phrase like this: **Churches of Asia** salute you

- 1Cor. 16:19-

- The denomination called the Church of Christ have picked up a few false Roman Catholic doctrines.

- Water baptism or baptismal regeneration, good works for salvation and falsely promote themselves as the only true church.

16:17- A warning against false doctrine and how to handle it when it come in.

16:17- Mark them

- Believers are to mark them (identify them, point them out) those who bring in false doctrine or violate scriptures.

- The is a time to speak up.

- Ecc. 3:7- A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

- 8 KJV examples of marking people

1- Tit. 1:12

2- 1Tim. 1:19-20

3- 2Tim. 2:16-18

4- 2Tim. 4:10

5- 2Pet. 2:14-16

6- 3Jh. 9-10

7- Jude 10-11

8- Rev. 2:1-2

16:17- Them- Both saved or lost are to be rebuked sharply

- Tit. 1:13

16:17- Avoid them- Don't fellowship or spend time with them.

- 2Jh. 7-11

- Notice that divisions and offences are to over Doctrine, not personal convictions!

- Jesus Christ is the great divider

- Mt. 10:34-36

16:18- Those promoting false doctrine are enemies of Jesus Christ.

- 2Pet. 2

- 2Tim. 2:19-21

16:18- Own belly- Lazy glutton

- Their motive is self- money, personal gain, status, power covet the praise of men.

- Ph. 3:17-19

- 2Tim. 3:1-5

- Tit. 1:10-12- Characteristics of those serving their own belly.

- The method- is good words and fair speeches

- They use positive messages that sound good and promote humanistic solutions.

- Contrast this with:

- Acts 4:12-13

- 1Cor. 2:4-5

- 2Cor. 10:10, 11:6

- While they will no doubt refer to the Bible, this is part of the deception.

- They will not give you strait, hard and plain Bible preaching.

- Tit. 2:7-8

- It is God who is the source of "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"

- Col. 2:1-4

- The best way to avoid being deceived by false doctrine is to know you Bible.

16:18- The hearts fo the simple

- These are the people who will be deceived- the simple

- the simple are the ones who know nothing

- Pr. 9:13

- Pr. 14:15- The opposite of prudent