THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS BE WITH YOU

Romans 16:1–27

Key Verse: 16:20

1. Review Paul’s plans to visit Rome (1:9–13; 15:23–24,28–29). Locate Cenchreae on a map. Who was Phoebe, and what did this mean? (1) How were the Romans instructed to receive her, and why? (2) What does it mean that she had been a “benefactor” of many people?

2. Who does Paul mention next, what does he call them, and what does this mean? (3) Note their occupation and the places they had lived (Ac18:1–3,18–19,26). What had they done for Paul? (4a) What impact had their ministry had? (4b) How did they use their house? (5a; cf. 1Co16:19) What can we learn from them? (Ro12:13; Heb13:2; 3Jn1:8)

3. How does Paul address Epenetus, what does he remind the church in Rome about him, and why? (5b) How and why does he affirm Mary? (6) What does he say about Andronicus and Junia, and why? (7)

4. Who else does Paul mention, and what does he say about each? (8–15) What does this tell us about Paul? Note especially his expressions of affection. What does it mean that Apelles’ “fidelity to Christ has stood the test”? (10a) Note how many women Paul mentions in this chapter; what is the significance of this?

5. Of whom does Paul warn them, and why? (17–19) Read verse 20. What is Paul’s sure hope? (20a) What is his final greeting? (20b) What does it mean to have the grace of our Lord Jesus with us, and what difference does this make?

6. Who are the fellow workers with Paul? (21–24) In the end, who does Paul praise, and what does he say about him? (25–27) What is his confidence about God? (25a) What does he say about the gospel, and why?