

What's in a Name?

Romans 16:1-16

Introduction

I Paul's Personal Recommendation

- A. Paul describes Phoebe's ministry:
 - 1. A **sister** to Paul - Eph 2:19; Matt 12:50
 - 2. A **servant** of the church in Cenchrea
- B. Paul gives instructions regarding Phoebe:
 - 1. **Receive** her in the Lord
 - a. In a way worthy of the saints - Matt 25:40
 - 2. Give her any **help** she may need
 - a. For she has been a great help to many people

II Paul's Personal Greetings

- A. Priscilla and Aquila - Acts 18:1-3; 1 Cor 16:19; 2 Tim 4:19
 - 1. Paul's fellow **workers** in Christ Jesus
 - 2. They risked their lives for Paul
 - 3. Paul expresses his **gratitude** to them
 - 4. Paul expresses his greetings to the church at their house
- B. Epenetus
 - 1. A dear friend of Paul
 - 2. The **first** convert to Christ in Asia - Rom 15:16
- C. Mary
 - 1. She **worked** very hard for the Roman believers
- D. Andronicus and Junias
 - 1. Relatives of Paul
 - 2. **Imprisoned** with Paul
 - 3. **Outstanding** among the apostles
 - 4. They were in Christ before Paul
- E. Ampliatus
 - 1. **Loved** by Paul in the Lord
- F. Urbanas and Stachys
 - 1. Paul's fellow workers in Christ
- G. Apelles
 - 1. **Tested** and approved in Christ - 1 Pet 1:6-7

- H. The household of Aristobulus
- I. Herodian
 - 1. Paul's relative
- J. The household of Narcissus
- K. Tryphena and Tryphosa
 - 1. Women who work hard in the Lord
- L. Persis
 - 1. A woman who worked hard in the Lord
- M. Rufus and his mother - Mk 15:21
 - 1. He was **chosen** in the Lord
 - 2. His mother was a mother to Paul
- N. Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas
- O. Philologus, Julia, Nereus, Olympas

II Paul's Personal Request

- A. Greet one another with a holy **kiss** - Mk 10:29-20
- B. Receive the greetings from all the churches of Christ

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following questions:

- 1. Who is one person in your life to whom you feel a special debt of gratitude for their words of encouragement?
- 2. Do you tend to be extravagant with you encouragement and words of praise or sparing? Why? What does Eph 4:29 add to your understanding of the value of encouragement?
- 3. Go through verses 1-16, listing all the things for which Paul commended these various people. Out of all these characteristics, which actually reflect your life now? Which would like to characterize your life in the future?
- 4. Take a moment to list some of the people for whom you are grateful. What is it about them that you appreciate? Make a point this week to communicate your love for them and your appreciation for the contribution they have made to your life.

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