

Famous Last Words

Romans 16:17-27

Introduction

I Paul's Final Warnings

- A. Watch out for those who:
 - 1. Cause _____ in the church - Mt 7:15-20; Act 20:27-31
 - 2. Put _____ in other's way - Matt 18:5-8; 1 Jn 2:10
 - 3. Teach what is _____ to sound doctrine - 1 Tim 6:3-5
- B. Keep away from such people - Titus 3:10-11
- C. Be aware of their motives:
 - 1. They are not _____ the Lord - Phil 3:18
 - 2. They are serving their own appetites - Phil 3:19
 - 3. They _____ the minds of naïve people by:
 - a. Smooth talk - 2 Pet 2:18-19
 - b. Flattery - 2 Cor 11:13-15

II Paul's Final Encouragement

- A. Paul highlights their _____
 - 1. It filled Paul with joy - Rom 1:8
- B. Paul cautions them:
 - 1. Be ____ about what is good - Rom 12:9
 - 2. Be _____ about what is evil - Phil 4:8
- C. Paul reminds them of their _____ - Gen 3:15
 - 1. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet
- D. Paul reminds them of their _____
 - 1. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you

IV Paul's Final Greetings

- A. Timothy sends greetings - 1 Cor 4:17; 16:10-11; Phil 2:2
- B. Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater send greetings - Acts 13 & 17
- C. Tertius sends his greetings
- D. Gaius sends his greetings - 1 Cor 1:14
- E. Erastus sends greetings
- F. Quartus sends his greetings

V Paul's Final Benediction

- A. Now to Him who is able to establish you by:

- 1. The _____ - Jude 1:24-25
- 2. The _____ of Jesus Christ - 1 Cor 1:23-24
- B. The gospel:
 - 1. Was a mystery _____ for long ages past - Col 1:26-27
 - 2. Is now _____ and made known: - Eph 1:8-10
 - a. Through the prophetic writings - 1 Pet 1:10-11
 - b. By the command of God - Mt 28:8-20; Acts 26:15-18
 - 3. Has been revealed so that all nations might:
 - a. _____ Him - Jn 1:12; 20:31
 - b. _____ Him - Rom 1:5; 1 Pet 1:2
- C. Now to the only wise God be glory forever - Rom 11:33-36
 - 1. Through Jesus Christ - Eph 3:8-11

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following questions:

- 1. If you were to die tomorrow, who would you want to share your last day with? What would you want to communicate to them?
- 2. What were the "divisive teachings" that Paul is referring to in verse 17? [Hint: Rom 3:8; 6:1, 15; 7:7; 9:14 and Gal 5:2-6] What are some of the teachings that divide the church today?
- 3. Would you describe yourself as wise about what is good and innocent about what is evil? Why or why not?
- 4. How would Paul's statement that "the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet" encourage the church in Rome? What impact does that knowledge have on you?
- 5. In verse 21-24, Paul sends greetings from his co-laborers. Who are the people with whom you co-labor in your service to God? Why not take a moment to communicate your appreciation and gratitude for their partnership in the gospel.
- 6. According to verses 25-27, what has been God's purpose and plan for the nations throughout history? What can we do as a church to increase our participation that plan? What part are you willing to play in that effort?

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