

The Gospel of God

*Studies in the Epistle of Paul
to the Romans*

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you!**

**Romans 16
Lesson 22**

*Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Romans

1. Doctrine (1-8)
2. Correlation (9-11)
3. Application (12-16)

Chiastic pattern of Romans

Romans						
The Gospel	Zeal to preach	Doctrine of Salvation	The Nation Israel	Application of Salvation	Zeal to preach	Post Script
1:1-7	1:8-17	1:18-8:39	9-11	12:1-15:13	15:14-33	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apostle - Holy Scripture - Jesus Christ - Obedience of faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roman witness - Paul's witness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All under sin - Justification - Sanctification - Glorification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's choice - Israel's rebellion - The Olive Tree - The glory of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A living sacrifice - In the church - In the world - Pleasing God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At Rome - In Spain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commendation - Paul's greetings - Warning - Others' greetings - Doxology

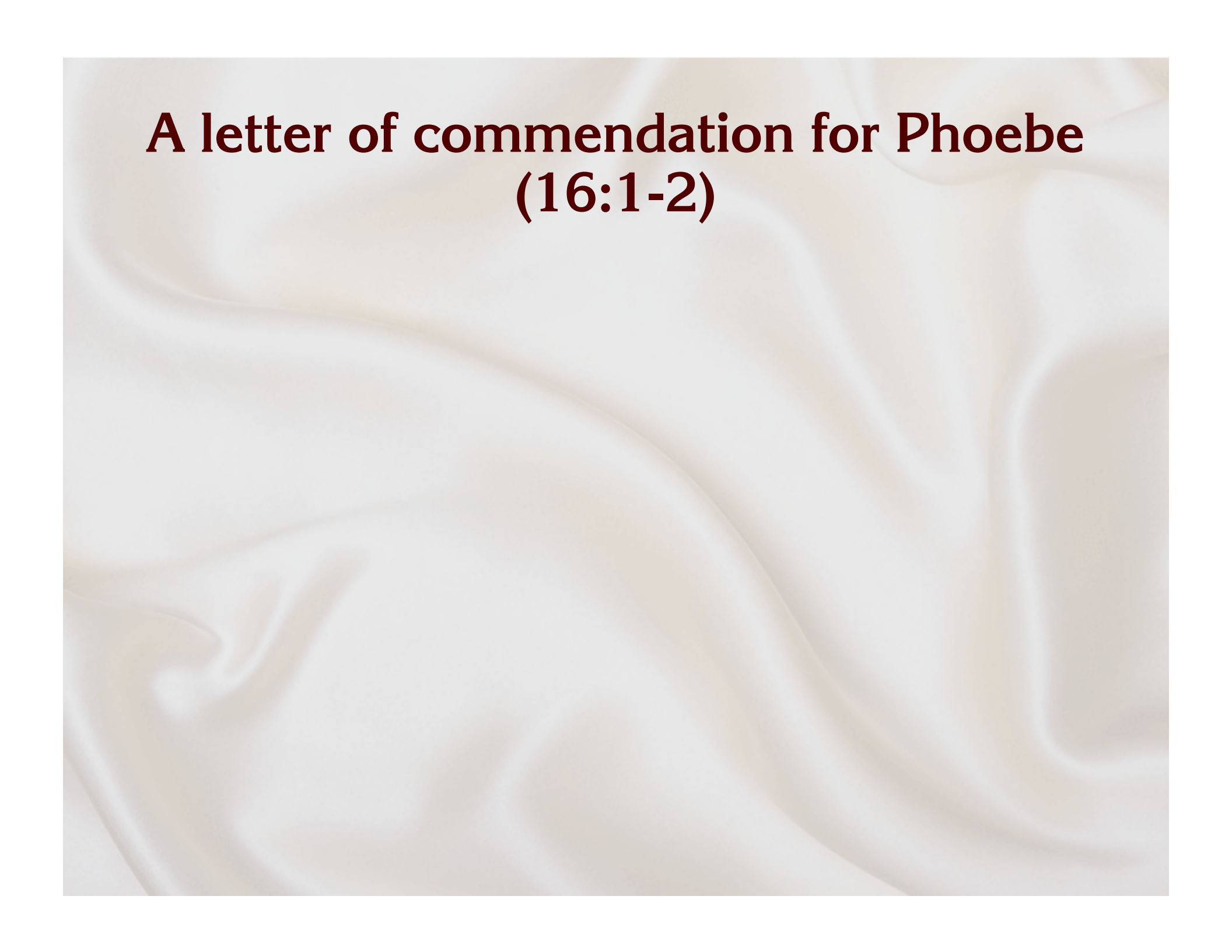
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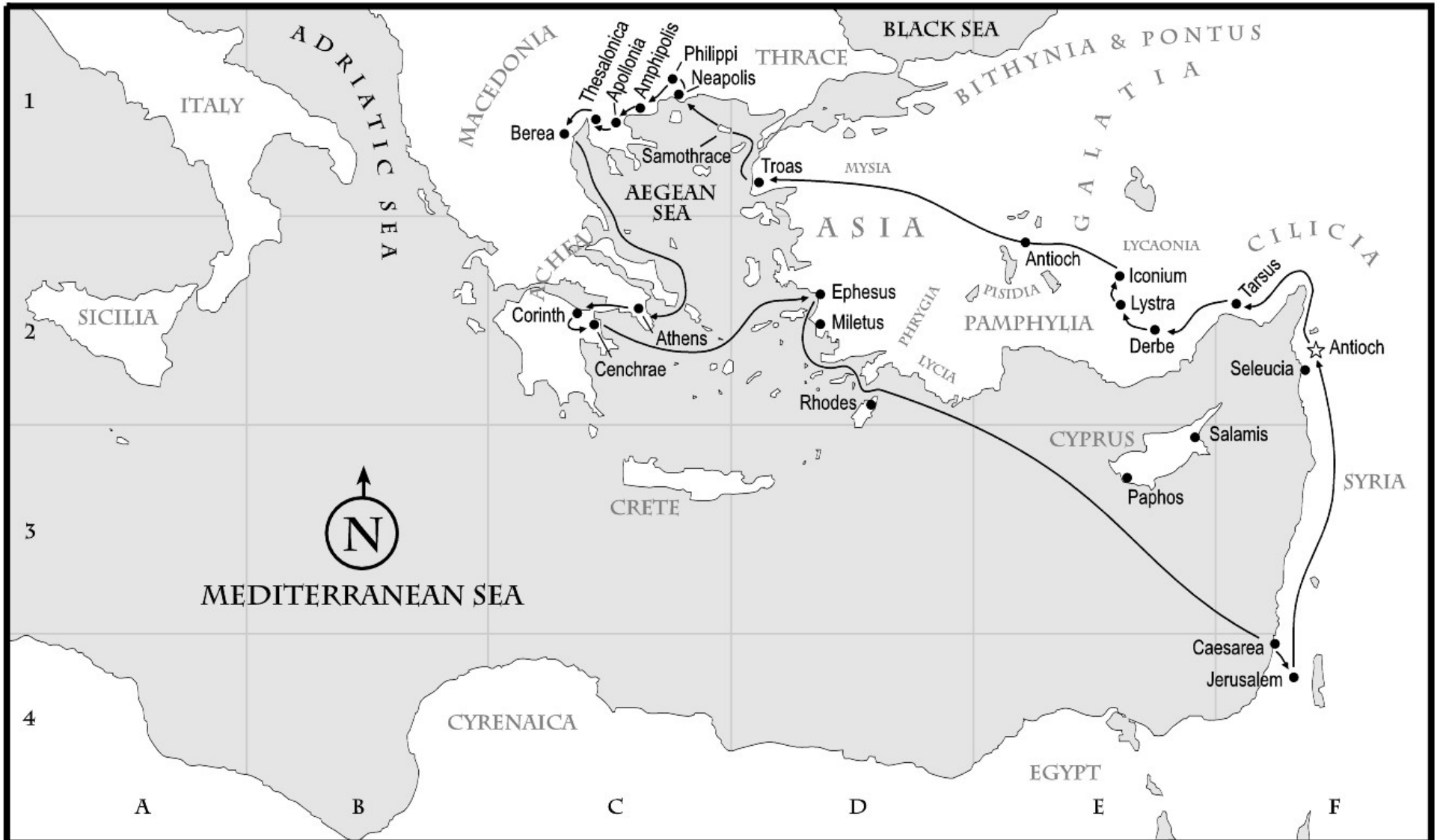
1. A letter of commendation for Phoebe (16:1-2)
2. Greetings from Paul (16:3-16)
3. Warning from Paul (16:17-20)
4. Greeting from Paul's companions (16:21-24)
5. Final doxology (16:25-27)

Final lessons from Romans



**A letter of commendation for Phoebe
(16:1-2)**

Paul's Second Missionary Journey



A letter of commendation for Phoebe (16:1-2)

- ▶ A woman from Cenchreae
- ▶ Main purpose of the letter?
- ▶ Introduce her to the Roman church
- ▶ Servant of the church in Cenchreae
- ▶ Receive in manner worthy of the saints

Greetings from Paul (16:3-16)

- ▶ Fellow workers in Christ Jesus
- ▶ Beloved [in the Lord]
- ▶ Worked hard for you
- ▶ Fellow prisoners
- ▶ Approved in Christ
- ▶ In the Lord
- ▶ Worked hard in the Lord
- ▶ Chosen in the Lord
- ▶ Brothers
- ▶ Saints

Warning from Paul (16:17-20)

- ▶ Stern tone
- ▶ Watch out
 - Acts 20:28-30 – Warning to elders in the Ephesian church
 - Opposition from within (“fierce wolves”)
 - Drawing disciples away from truth
 - Divisions and obstacles
 - The characteristics of these deceivers
 - Do not serve Christ
 - Serve their own appetites
 - Conformity with the world (1 John 2:15-17; Philippians 3:18-20)
 - Deceive the hearts of the naive – unlearned
- ▶ Avoid them – not confront or refute.

Greetings from Paul's companions (16:21-24)

- ▶ Timothy
- ▶ Kinsmen: Lucius, Jason, Sosipater
- ▶ Tertius – secretary and former or present slave
- ▶ Gaius, Erastus, Quartus

Final doxology (16:25-27)

- ▶ Worship and thanksgiving
- ▶ Mystery
 - Not the Gospel
 - Justification by faith (Genesis 15:6)
 - Gospel to the Gentiles (Galatians 3:8)
 - Jews and Gentiles in one body – the Church
 - Ephesians 1:9-10
 - Ephesians 3:4-9
 - Colossians 1:25-57
- ▶ God's purpose: the obedience of faith

**Romans
One to
Eleven**

Doctrine

12:1-2

Application

**Romans
12:3-15:13**

Final Lessons from Romans

1. The glory of God

- Romans 1:23 – denial of God's glory
- Romans 3:23 – failure to achieve God's glory
- Romans 4:20 – Abraham, in faith, gave glory to God
- Romans 5:2 – rejoice in hope of glory of God
- Romans 6:4 – Christ raised from the dead by the glory of the Father
- Romans 8:18, 21 – His glory anticipated
- Romans 11:36 – to Him be glory forever
- Romans 16:24 – to the only wise God, be glory forever

Final Lessons from Romans

2. The hopeless estate of the human race

- Romans 3:10-19 under sin – no spiritual ability and no excuses
- Romans 5:12 – dead
- Romans 8:6-8 – Not able to please God or submit to God

Final Lessons from Romans

3. The just shall live by faith

- Romans 1:16-17 – the just shall live by faith
- Romans 3:24-26 - by grace through faith
- Romans 5:1 - being justified by faith
- Object of faith: God is in Jesus Christ, and He rewards (saves)

Final Lessons from Romans

4. The Divine purpose

- God's sovereign will – Roman 9
- The image of the olive tree
 - One tree
 - Native branches (Israel) cut off
 - Wild branches (Gentiles) grafted in
 - Native branches to be grafted in again – Romans 11:12
- The advantage of being a Jew – “much in every way” (3:1-2)

Final Lessons from Romans

5. The obedience of faith – Romans 12:1-2

- Union with Christ
- A living sacrifice
- Holy, acceptable to God – an act of worship
- Pleasing God

Final Lessons from Romans

6. The power of the Gospel

- The power of God unto salvation
- Paul's zeal to preach the Word

The Gospel of God

▶ What is the Gospel?

- Concerning Jesus Christ (1:1-4)
- The righteousness of God revealed (1:17)
- The just shall live by faith (1:17)

▶ What is the response?

- Obedience of faith
- Preach the Word