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

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Romans

1. Doctrine (1-8)
2. Correlation (9-11)
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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
    - 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
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