

# Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

## EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

### 20. Greetings and farewell

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Warm and human

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I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**

*diakonos* = a waiter,  
minister, deacon, servant

...a servant of the church at Cenchrea  
...a helper of many, and of myself also.

*Prostatis* = a patroness, a woman  
caring for the affairs of others  
and aiding them with her resources.



*For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves?*

*Is it not the one who reclines at table? **But I am among you as the One who serves.***

(Luke 22:27)

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# Greetings to...

## Priscilla (Prisca) and Aquila

### My fellow workers in Christ Jesus

...who risked their necks  
for my life...

- Acts 18:1 – Expelled from Rome in 49
- Acts 18:2 – Meet Paul in Corinth
- Acts 18:18 – To Ephesus with Paul
- Romans 16:3 – Back in Rome
- 2 Timothy 4:19 – Back in Ephesus

**The church in their house:**  
In Ephesus – 1 Corinthians 16:19  
In Rome – Romans 16:5



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...my beloved **Epaenetus**, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.

(Romans 16:5)

...**Mary** who has worked very hard for us.

(Romans 16:6)

...**Andronicus and Junia**,

my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners.

They are well known to the apostles,  
and they were in Christ before me.

(Romans 16:7)

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...**Amplias**, my beloved in the Lord.

...**Urbanus**, our fellow worker in Christ,

...my beloved **Stachys**,

...**Apelles**, who is approved in Christ.

...those who are of the household of **Aristobulus**.

...**Herodion**, my kinsman.

...those in the Lord who are of the household of **Narcissus**.

(See Romans 16:8-11)

Said to be one  
of the 70  
(See Luke 10:1)

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## Greetings to...

...those workers in the Lord,  
**Tryphena** and **Tryphosa**.

A woman in Rome,  
perhaps now aged.

...the beloved **Persis**,  
who worked hard in the Lord.

(Romans 16:12)



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...**Rufus**, chosen in the Lord,  
also **his mother**,  
who has been a mother  
to me as well.

(Romans 16:13)



*And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and **Rufus**, to carry His cross.*

(Mark 15:21)

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Said to be one of the 70...

...**Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes,**  
and the brethren who are with them.

(Romans 16:14)

...**Philologus** and **Julia, Nereus** and **his sister**, and **Olympas**  
and all the saints who are with them.

(Romans 16:15)

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## Greetings from...

The same as at  
Antioch? (Acts 13:1)

...**Timothy**, my fellow worker

...**Lucius, Jason, Sosipater**, my kinsmen

...**Tertius**, who wrote this epistle

Baptised by Paul?  
(1 Corinthians 1:14)

...**Gaius**, who is host to me and to the whole church

Titius Justus?  
(Acts 18:7)

...**Erastus**, the treasurer of the city [Corinth]

...**Quartus**, our brother.

(Romans 16:21-23)

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Greet one another with a **holy kiss**.  
All the churches of Christ greet you.  
(Romans 16:16)

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**Why?**

Phoebe; Priscilla, Aquila and the church that is in their house; Epäenetüs; Mary; Andronicus and Junia; Amplias; Urbanus; Stachys; Apelles; the household of Aristobulus; Herodion; the household of Narcissus; Tryphena and Tryphosa; Persis; Rufus and his mother; Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes and the brethren who are with them; Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, Olympas and all the saints who are with them; Timothy; Lucius; Jason; Sosipater; Tertius; Gaius; Erastus; Quartus.

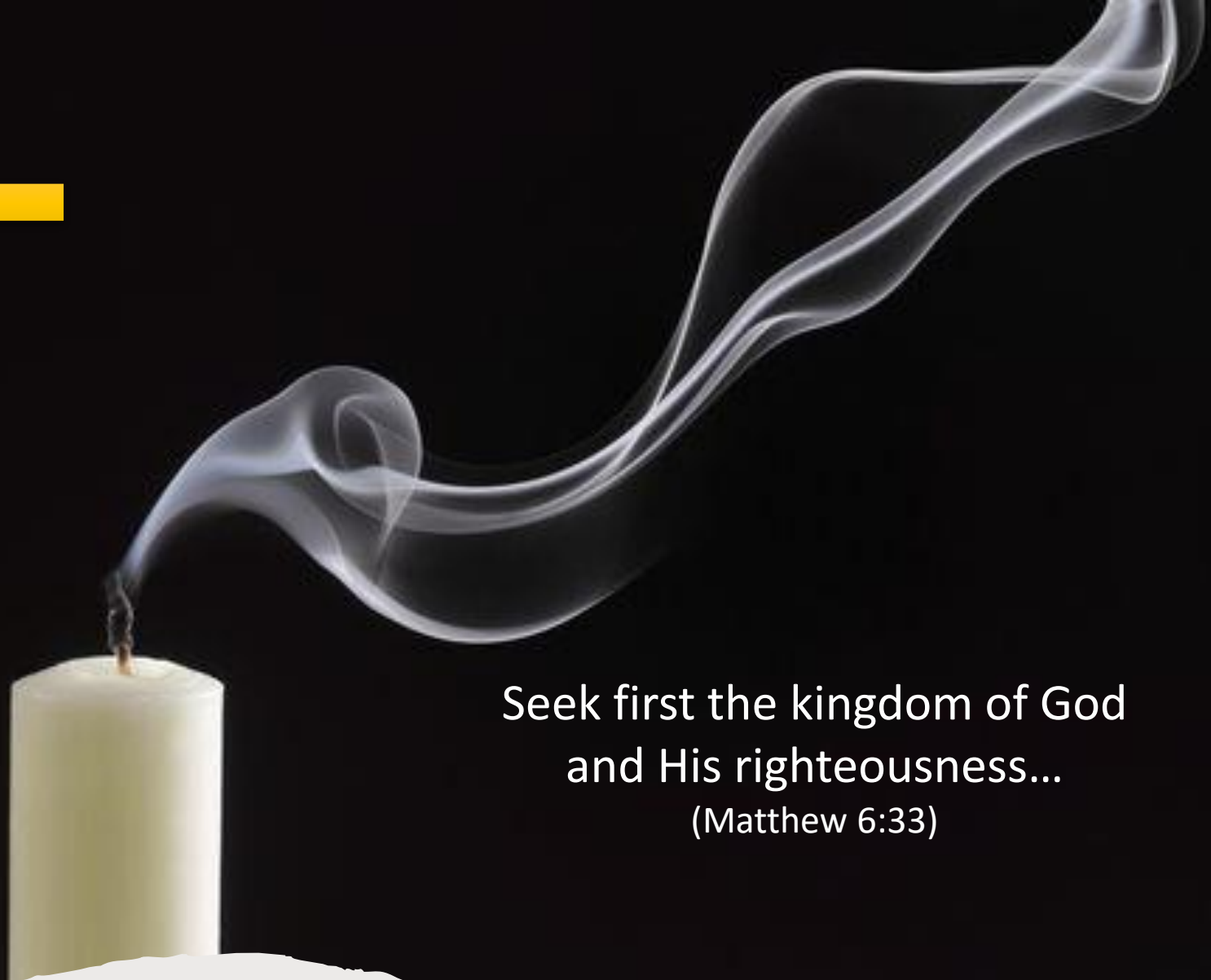
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You are a puff of smoke  
that appears for a little time  
and then vanishes.  
(James 4:14)

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Seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness...  
(Matthew 6:33)

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I appeal to you, brethren, to **watch out** for those **who cause divisions** and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; **avoid them.**

Traps, stumbling blocks

For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

(Romans 16:17)

I want you to be **wise** as to what is good, and **innocent** concerning what is evil.

(Romans 16:19)



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The reason the Son of God appeared  
was to destroy the works of the devil.

(1 John 3:8)

**The God of peace**  
will soon crush Satan  
under your feet.

(Romans 16:20)

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**to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!**

Amen.

(Romans 16:25-27)



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## **Romans 16:25-27**

**ESV:**

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**NKJV:**

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

May the God of peace  
be with you all.

(Romans 15:33)



A minister of Jesus Christ  
to the Gentiles

(Romans 15:16)