

Romans

Personal Greetings ([Romans 16:1-16](#))

Read: Personal Greetings (16:1-16)

Explain: Personal Greetings (16:1-16)

What do the words mean?

1 I commend [present active indicative; sets together, introduces, exhibits, stands near, constitutes, approves, commends, consists, makes, stands with] **to you our sister** [sister (natural or ecclesiastical)] **Phoebe**, [present middle participle] **a servant** [*diakonos*; to run errands, attendant, waiter, deacon, deaconess, minister, servant] **of the church** [*ekklesia*; a calling out, a popular meeting; religious congregation (Jewish synagogue or Christian community), assembly, church] **at Cenchreae** [a port of Corinth], **2 that you may welcome** [aorist active subjunctive; admit, await, accept, allow, look (wait) for, take] **her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help** [second aorist active subjunctive; stand beside, exhibit, proffer, recommend, substantiate, be at hand, aid] **her in whatever** [*pragma*; deed, affair, object, business, matter, thing, work] **she may need** [make (have) necessity, be in want of, have, need] **from you, for she has been** [aorist middle indicative] **a patron** [patroness, assistant, succourer] **of many and of myself as well.**

3 Greet [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*; _____ in the arms, salute, welcome, embrace, greet, take leave] **Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers** [co-laborer, coadjutor, companion in labor, fellow helper, fellow laborer, fellow worker, laborer together with, workfellow] **in Christ Jesus**, **4 who risked** [aorist active indicative; to place underneath, to hazard, to suggest, lay down, put in remembrance] **their necks** [*trachelos*; throat, neck, life] **for my life, to whom not only I give thanks** [*eucharisteo*; present active indicative; to be grateful, to express gratitude (towards), to say grace at a meal, give thanks] **but all the churches** [*ekklesia*; a calling out, a popular meeting; religious congregation (Jewish synagogue or Christian community), assembly, church] **of the Gentiles** [*ethnos*] **give thanks as well.** **5 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **also the church** [*ekklesia*; a calling out, a popular meeting; religious congregation (Jewish synagogue or Christian community), assembly, church] **in their house** [dwelling, family, home, house, temple]. **Greet my beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved, dear] **Epaenetus, who was** [present middle indicative] **the first convert** [beginning of sacrifice, first fruits] **to Christ in Asia.** **6 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Mary, who has worked hard** [aorist active indicative; felt fatigue, worked hard, bestowed

labor, toil, be wearied] **for you.** **7 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen** [*syngenes*; relative, countryman, cousin, kinfolk, kinsman] **and my fellow prisoners** [co-captives, fellow prisoners]. **They are** [present middle indicative] **well known** [remarkable, eminent, notable, of note] **to the apostles, and they were** [second perfect active indicative] **in Christ before me.** **8 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Ampliatius, my beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved, dear] **in the Lord.** **9 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Urbanus, our fellow worker** [co-laborer, coadjutor, companion in labor, fellow helper, fellow laborer, fellow worker, laborer together with, workfellow] **in Christ, and my beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved, dear] **Stachys.** **10 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Apelles, who is approved** [properly acceptable, approved, tried] **in Christ.** **Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **those who belong to the family of Aristobulus.** **11 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **my kinsman** [*syngenes*; relative, countryman, cousin, kinfolk, kinsman] **Herodion.** **Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.** **12 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **those workers** [felt fatigue, worked hard, bestowed labor, toil, be wearied] **in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa.** **Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **the beloved** [*agapetos*; beloved, dear] **Persis, who has worked hard** [felt fatigue, worked hard, bestowed labor, toil, be wearied; **Mounce: The mention of exhausting work is restricted to _____]** **in the Lord.** **13 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Rufus, chosen** [select, favorite, chosen, elect] **in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.** **14 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers** [*adelphos*] **who are with them.** **15 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister** [sister (natural or ecclesiastical)], **and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.** **16 Greet** [aorist active imperative; *aspazomai*] **one another with a holy kiss.** **All the churches** [*ekklesia*; a calling out, a popular meeting; religious congregation (Jewish synagogue or Christian community), assembly, church] **of Christ greet** [present middle indicative; *aspazomai*] **you.**

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

What are some observations of the text?

1 I commend [Jay Arnold: Paul was letting go of the care or protection of her to someone/some others. This has underlying impressions of confidence in the person being commended. . . . a sense of hope for embrace of her by others he trusted.] **to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae** [Was Phoebe a deacon?], **2 that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.** [Most commentators believe Phoebe was the person who carried **Romans** to the Romans.]

3 Greet Prisca and Aquila [Robertson's New Testament Word Pictures: They were driven from Rome by Claudius, came to Corinth, then to Ephesus, then back to Rome, and again to Ephesus. They were good travelling Christians.], **my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. 5 Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. 6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. 8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. 10 Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. 11 Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. 12 Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well** [Hughes: What a difference authentic Christian affection can make in a cold indifferent world]. **14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them** [About as close as Paul comes to saying, "the others"]. **16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Valovcin: Crazy how much you can gain from reading a list of names. We truly take for granted how easy staying in touch with one another is today.

Apply (What is the point?)

1. God _____ helpers
2. God's children are _____
3. Christians _____ each other

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Be _____ for His helpers (to _____ and to _____)
2. Live as _____
3. _____ as family

Next week: Final Instructions and Greetings (16:17-23)

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: **Romans** (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read (**Romans**)
- Talk (about **Romans**—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com by Wed)