

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Mark Your Observations

Record Observations & Questions

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Think Context!

Romans 16:1-16

- 1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe,
 a servant of the church at Cenchreae,
- 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.
- 3 Greet Prisca and Aquila,
 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.
- 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.
- 16 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
 All the churches of Christ greet you. (ESV)



Think about it



Talk about it

Introduction

What character traits do you value in a friend?
What characteristics should you seek to develop?

Group Activity

Read through the section and identify positive character traits—what does Paul affirm?
Give a brief definition for each.

16:1-2 Commendation of Phoebe

Primary characteristics affirmed by Paul?

16: 3-5 Greeting to Prisca and Aquila

Primary actions affirmed by Paul?

Issues Raised

Role of men and women
What the passage teaches

What the passage does not teach or leaves unsaid

The list of names highlights the differences within the church—ethnicity, economic, gender, age, length of time as a believer, not saying anything about preferences or likes and dislikes based on personality.

What can we learn?

What can we learn about the reality of economic differences within the church?

16:6-16 General Greetings

Main Point:

High value on the service of all members of the family of God—the church



What do we learn
About God?

God can save anyone!
God can use anyone!



Act on it

How are we helping establish and maintain unity?
How are we a detriment to unity?

Relationships are important
Affirmation is important
Serving is important
All should serve

How am I developing deep relationships within the church?
Do I feel like I am part of a biblical spiritual family of fully devoted followers of Christ?

Are there individuals within the church with who I am not in full fellowship?
Do I need to seek forgiveness or reconciliation?

Am I using all my gifts and abilities to the glory of God and the furthering of the Gospel?