

## SERIES: THE ROMAN ROAD

## Valuing Oneness

## Romans 16

Romans 2:28-29; Romans 3:21-22, 28-30

## 1. Valuing oneness in the church becomes a reality when we joyfully embrace our brothers and sisters in Christ

Acts 18:1-3, 18-19, 24-26

## Romans 16

**1** I commend to you Phoebe our sister, **who is a servant** of the church in Cenchrea, **2** that you **may receive her** in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

**3 Greet** Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, **4** who **risked their own necks for my life**, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches **of the Gentiles**. Acts 18:1-3, 18, 24

**5** Likewise **greet** the church that is in their house. **Greet** my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the first fruits of Achaia to Christ.

**6 Greet** Mary, **who labored** much for us.

**7 Greet** Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and **my fellow prisoners**, who are of note among **the apostles**, who also were in Christ before me.

**8 Greet** Amplias, my beloved [esteemed, dearly loved] in the Lord.

**9 Greet** Urbanus, our fellow **worker** in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

**10 Greet** Apelles, approved in Christ. **Greet** those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

**11 Greet** Herodion, my countryman. **Greet** those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

**12 Greet** Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have **labored** in the Lord.

**Greet** the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord.

**13 Greet** Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

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

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

**16 Greet** one another with a holy kiss. The **churches** of Christ **greet** you.

2. Valuing oneness in the church must be **guarded** by exposing those who are promoting doctrine that is divisive and contrary to the teaching of Christ and the apostles

## Romans 16

**17** Now I urge you, brethren, **note** [mark, look closely] those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and **avoid** them [turn away from them]. **18** For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. **19** For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. **20** And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

**21** Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, **greet** you.

**22** I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, **greet** you in the Lord.

**23** Gaius, my host and the host of the **whole church**, **greet** you.

Erastus, the treasurer of the city, **greet** you, and Quartus, a brother.

**24** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

3. Valuing oneness in the church must be based on **giving glory** to God and the preaching of Jesus Christ

**25** 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 **26** 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** — **27** to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.