

SIXTEENTH STUDY

GREETINGS AND WARNINGS

INTRODUCTION OF PHOEBE (Romans 16:1-2)

In Paul's greetings in this letter to the Romans, he introduces a deaconess of the Church at Cenchrea who was planning a trip there to the capital city.

1. Name this deaconess. (Romans 16:1). _____
2. What did Paul ask the Roman believers to do for Phoebe when she arrived? _____

GREETINGS (Romans 16:3-16)

1. In Paul's greeting to Priscilla and Aquila, what complementary comments did he use to describe them? (Romans 16:3,4) _____

WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS

(Romans 16:17-20)

Although Paul has someone, usually, to write as he dictates; at the end of his epistle, he always writes a portion with his own hand (II Thessalonians 3:17). This is the invariable (never changing) mark that the letter from him is authentic. So Paul takes the pen and begins to write in verse 17. This is an unusual letter, because he has never visited the Roman Church. He, as a rule, wrote this kind of letter to his own Churches.

1. Who did Paul warn the Roman Church to mark in Romans 16:17? _____

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2. In Romans 16:18, how does Paul describe those the Roman believers are to mark and avoid? _____

 3. What rumor has Paul heard about those of the Roman Church? (Romans 16:19; ref. Romans 1:8)

 4. When Paul, in Romans 16:20 said, *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.* what do you think he meant? _____

GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS AT CORINTH (Romans 16:21-24)

The letter is almost complete, but Paul adds greetings from his fellow Jews there with him at Corinth (Romans 16:21). Then, Tetras who wrote this letter for Paul takes the pen again and writes. He finishes off the greeting with a blessing: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all* (Romans 16:24).

DOXOLOGY (Romans 16:25-27)

In Paul's benediction (Romans 16:25), he mentions '*the revelation of the mystery.*' Many think he is referring to the Gentiles coming to salvation.