

## Romans 16:1 – 20

*Good Guys Bad Guys*

*a trusted servant*

<sup>16:1</sup> I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; <sup>2</sup> that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.

*a model couple*

<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; <sup>5</sup> also *greet* the church that is in their house. Greet Epäenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.

*A young motivated believer*

<sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. <sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before

*A common woman of uncommon zeal*

*older proven mentors*

*former slaves..*

*"unknown yet well known"*

me. <sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. <sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the

*a famous convert*

household of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup> Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Greet

*former men in opposition*

*Intergenerational servants*

Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, a

*Precious people*

choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. <sup>14</sup> Greet

*Demographic people with spiritual bonds*

*friends of the family*

Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. <sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and

Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup> Greet one

in the local church

another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

in the universal church

But there are people  
you don't kiss nor give  
a greeting.

False Christians  
Tares in the wheat

<sup>17</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who

"heresies" "stumbling blocks"

cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching

we do not listen

which you learned, and turn away from them. <sup>18</sup> For such

men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own

appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they

reasonable man exalting

deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting. <sup>19</sup> For the report of

A-kakos "no evil" or NAIVE

your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing

over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and

"turn away" — innocent in what is evil. <sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush

we don't have to  
struggle forever...

Satan under your feet.

"quickly"  
Rom. 1:1  
"soon"  
or "suddenly"

Paul depicts the Garden  
of Eden Adam and Eve  
and Satan  
the servant

"Beware... watchful..."

Apostolic truth  
Romans

because they are not  
Christians and are not  
to be feared or respected.

Why turn away?  
They can ruin the  
work of God

### Life Group Application Questions

1. Which of these "etretena evangelists" touched you the most?

2. What were your thoughts about "heretics and stumbling blocks"?

Have you ever encountered one?