

Romans 16:1-27
“Don’t Forget”

~ INTRO ~

THIS YEAR... WE’VE COME TO UNDERSTAND...

- **Romans** is *the Gospel According to Grace*...
 - With power to transform & renew our lives.

SO... AFTER (15-CHAPTERS) OF THEOLOGY...

- Paul closes the book with people & NOT doctrine.
 - He highlights relationships, ministry, & obedience.
- **Romans began** with our need for righteousness...
 - BUT ends with God’s glory working through redeemed people.

IN OTHER WORDS...

- The theology in (**Romans**) is meant to be lived out.

(Rom. 1:16) “... *it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes*”

#1 – OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLE

(Joshua 4:1-7)...

- God told Joshua to take up stones of remembrance.

(v.7) “... *These stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.*”

Memorial = Zik-A-Ron...

- Speaks of a memorable thing / a record of something notable.

AND SO TOO...

- We’ve learned what God has done for us in (**Romans**)...
 - *The Gospel According to Grace.*

HERE’S THE TAKE AWAY FOR US:

GRACE is not about our strength...

- BUT about our willingness to let God lead.
 - (**Rom. 11:6**) NKJV

#2 – EVERYDAY PEOPLE

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(Rom. 16:1-16).

- Paul gives his **final greetings** to the saints...
 - By **remembering the many lives** who helped him along the way.

(v.1) *Phoebe* = “Bright & radiant”

- This was a woman known for being a servant.
 - She was the person who volunteered to carry this letter...
 - From Corinth to Rome.

The Church at **Cenchrea** is about 7-miles from Corinth – (11/2024).



- In the **early days of the church** women cared for...
 - The sick... the poor... and those in prison.

TODAY THE CHURCH...

- Needs women to stay engaged in the mission.

(vv.3-5) Priscilla & Aquila...

- A husband & wife team from (Acts 18:1-3) who assisted Paul in Corinth.
 - They had a tent making / leather goods shop at Corinth.
 - They were also known for starting **home fellowships**.



Aquila & Priscilla’s shop at Corinth – (11/2024).

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- Aquila & Priscilla is a great example of husband & wife
 - Pulling in the same spiritual direction.

(v.6)

Mary – “*labored*”

- Laboring to the point of **exhaustion** with **great sweat**.

A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE...

- Of how to press on when we get tired in serving.

(v.7)

Andronicus & Ju-nia...

- Two guys serving behind bars for the glory of God.



Paul’s jail cell in ([Acts 16:22-28](#)) at Philippi (Greece 11/2024).

IS THERE A PERSON HERE...

- Who should be doing a Prison Ministry?

(v.10b)

Aristobulus = The **grandson of Herod the Great**...

- The ruler from ([Matt. 2](#)) who killed all the babies in Bethlehem...
 - Two & under... around the time of Christ’s birth.
- But his grandson is in the family of faith saving life.

WHO IS THE PERSON HERE...

- That should be ministering to those considering abortion?

LAST ONE (v.13)...

- Rufus this man’s dad was Simon the Cyrenian (North Africa)...
 - Who helped Jesus carry His cross to His death ([Mark 15:21](#)).

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE...

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- That should start a senior ministry 65+...
 - Maybe even a ministry with end-of-life help?

THE POINT IS...

- God is working thru everyday people.

(Eph. 4:16) NLT

“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

#3 – DIVIDE THE WORK

GOING FORWARD IN 2026...

- After learning about the Grace of God...
 - The work... needs to continue... being distributed.

THREE INSIGHTS FROM THE PAST (Joshua 13)

- God had given them the land.
- There was a lot of work to do.
- Joshua was to divide the work & appoint others.

THE PROMISE OF GOD WAS BEFORE THEM...

- But dividing the work was critical to success.
 - The people **as a whole** had to step out in faith.
- Not one... Not many...
 - **ALL the people had to step out.**

(Rom 12:1) NLT

THE LESSON:

- *Obedience* to God...
 - Shows I’m making the right use of His Grace.

~ IN CLOSING ~ (vv.25-27)

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(Rom. 1:5) opens & closes (Rom. 16:26) with *obedience*.

(ROMANS)... the Gospel according to Grace. Amen!