

The Book of Romans

This Week: Lesson: Romans Chapter 15-16

Next Week: **Homework Scripture Read:** The Pentateuch

Lesson Text:

Romans 15:1-3	Not offending one another (ch. 14)
Romans 15:4	Independent of context, great verse regarding Scripture
Romans 15:4-7	Accept one another in our diversity
Romans 15:8-13	God's promises include both Jew (v8) and Gentile together
Romans 15:14-33	Going to visit you in Rome, meanwhile pray for salvation of Gentiles, who comprise Paul's called ministry.
Romans 16:1-16	Endorsements
Romans 16:17-20	Warnings regarding false leadership in the church
Romans 16:21-23	Special endorsements
Romans 16:24	Gloss
Romans 16:25-27	Benediction

Discussion:

- **Note** the formal greetings in chapter 16 carried specific purposes of associative identification and endorsement in the faith. This does NOT mean that these greetings were not genuine heart-felt expressions of love between early Christians.
- **Discuss** the ever-present dissention by false leadership in the early church
- **Discuss** verse 24 in terms of understanding a "gloss" in transmission of ancient manuscripts

Open Question:

Regarding chapter 15, what things do we do or say right now that lets certain members or visitors know that they are NOT accepted?